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Husband: "Really? Well, I played bridge with her the other night."

"How did you get that smudge on your face?" asked the engineer's wife of her husband.

"How do you expect me to run my hog without getting grease on my face?"

"I don't, but when did the railroad start using red grease?"

"So you're the chief of police," said the stranger in a small American town. "Glad to know you. I wonder if I could also shake hands with the fire chief?"

"Sure!" cried the police chief. "Just wait while I change hats!"

The small son of the house had asked so many questions that day that finally, he so wore out his mother's patience that he was packed off to bed half an hour before his usual time.

Later his mother repented of her lack of patience. She crept upstairs, knelt beside his bed, and, to atone, she told him that she would like to ask one more question before he went to sleep. She would answer it.

The small boy thought for a moment, and then said: "Mummy, how far can a cat spit?"

## CLUES TO "SIZE OF UNIVERSE"

SIR J. JEANS'S ANALOGY

London, Nov. 30.

Vivid analogies illustrating the size and age of the universe were given by Sir James Jeans last night in a lecture to scientists and their friends at the Royal Institution, Albemarle-street.

A 12ft disc of light was thrown on a screen. If it were taken to represent that part of the universe visible to the strongest telescope, said Sir James, "the universe itself might be represented proportionately as the Royal Institution building, or perhaps as the whole of Central London—we do not know."

But they hoped ultimately to calculate it. If it were assumed that space were finite, a telescope ten times more powerful than the most powerful yet made would not reveal ten times as many nebulae. The decrease in the number of fresh nebulae would reveal the size of the universe.

Then Sir James held up a heavy book. "There are, perhaps, a million letters in this book," he said.

"If you can imagine that it represents the life of the sun, the Christian era on earth might be represented by the last letter. To get an idea of the age of the universe, you must imagine a library of two or three thousand such volumes."

"It may be," he added, "that the universe has alternately expanded and contracted many times. Spectroscopic analysis had shown that nebulae were moving away from us at rates proportionate to their distance from us."

## YESTERDAY'S QUOTATIONS

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## K. L. M. NEWS.

### "Flanders Poppies" Are Flown Over To Bangkok

Wherever there are Englishmen, "Poppy-day" is duly celebrated. Every year on Armistice day the well-known "Flanders poppies" are sold and the produce is used for the benefit of war-invalids. This year poppies had been transported from England to Singapore by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, free of charge, and the K. L. M. mailplane "Sparrow-Hawk" carried them gratuitously from Singapore to Bangkok, where they were to be sold.

### TO EUROPE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The K. L. M. mailplane which left Batavia on November 8 under command of Captain Roller, carried a lady-passenger who had to return to Europe in order to be operated for a tumour. The greatest care had to be exercised when flying and especially when landing, as the slightest shock might be fatal. All deck-steps were made very gradually, so as to relieve the suffering of the patient, and Captain Roller safely landed her at Rotterdam, where the special-ambulance-place of the K. L. M. was ready to take her to London.

### PROFESSOR DR. HENRY FRANKFORT GOES TO IRAQ

One of the passengers on board of the K. L. M. plane which left Amsterdam on the 20th November under command of Captain Duimelhar, was Professor Dr. F. Frankfort, the well-known Dutch archaeologist, attached to the Oriental Institute of the Chicago University.

Professor Frankfort made a name for himself through his research work at Tell Asmar. His journey to Baghdad by K. L. M. is the start of a new archaeological expedition, which will be carried out under his supervision.

### DETECTIVE'S POCKET PICKED

Barcelona, Nov. 28.

A curious incident occurred in a law court here when a detective complained that someone in the court room had picked his pocket of a wallet containing his identity papers and 450 pesetas (about £12 10s.). The affront to professional dignity was all the greater in that the thief, in order to procure the wallet, had dived, and without attracting the victim's attention, removed to one side a revolver and holster which pressed upon the pocket containing the wallet.

versity, 2.30 p.m.; Kowloon v. Lancashire, 2.30 p.m.; Navy v. Radio Sports, 2.30 p.m.; Chinese Athletic v. Royal Welch Fusiliers, 2.30 p.m.; Third Division, European Police v. Royal Air Force, 4 p.m.; St. Joseph's v. Royal Welch Fusiliers, 4 p.m.; Lancashire v. Railway, 4 p.m.

Hockey.—Y. M. C. A. v. Police (King's Park).

Lawn Tennis.—Completion Semi-final round Open Mixed Doubles Championship.

Rugby.—Triangular Tournament, Army v. Club (Bookunpoo), 4 p.m.

Yachting.—Second Corinthian Series for Racing Yachts.

Moon.—XI Moon, 26th Day.

Sunrise.—6.57 a.m. Sunset.—6.43 p.m.

Tides.—High at 1.55 and 17.11; Low at 9.44 and 23.49.

## DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Anniversaries and Holidays.—Ember Day. S. Liberatus and S. Basilus, Min.

Cinemas.

King's.—"Diamond Jim."  
Queen's.—"People Will Talk."  
Central.—"Chinese Picture."  
Oriental.—"No More Ladies."  
World.—"Chinese Picture."  
Alhambra.—"The Girl Friend."  
Majestic.—"One New York Night."  
Star.—"Mr. Dynamite."  
Dances.—Christmas Dance, at United Services Recreation Club, Kowloon, 9.30 p.m.  
Entertainments.—A. D. C. "Musical Chairs," at China Fleet Club Theatre, 9.15 p.m.; "Dick Wittington" at European Y.M.C.A., Matinee at 5.30 p.m.

Lectures.—Dr. Hendrik J. de Lange, on Christian Science, at Peninsula Hotel Rose Room, 9.15 a.m.; Colonel H. C. Harrison, China Command, at Volunteer Headquarters, 5.15 p.m.  
Meetings.—Annual, the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m., followed by an Extraordinary Meeting, Christian Fellowship, Helena May, 10.30 a.m.; Kowloon Chess Club, at Central British School, 5.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's Girls' Guild, 6 p.m.

Miscellaneous.—Claims against the Estate of Wong Mee, due; Women's League of Health and Beauty, Cass, St. Andrew's Hall, 10 a.m.; Blind Girls' Sale of Work at Gloucester Hotel, first floor, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Religious.—German Community's Presentation of a Nativity Play, in Hong Kong Union Church, 5.30 p.m.  
Social.—All Ranks Tombola, at Wellington Barracks, 7.30 p.m.; R.E.W.O.'s and S.N.C.O.'s Mess; Whist Drive and Tombola, 8.45 p.m.

Sports

Badminton.—Mixed Doubles, Tai-koo R.C. v. St. Andrew's; Club de Recreio "B" v. Chinese R.C.; Kowloon Tong v. Club de Recreio "A"; Sailors and Soldiers' Home v. Fire Brigade.  
Hockey.—Civilians v. Kowloon Indians (Hong Kong Hockey Club Ground), 5 p.m.; Hong Kong Hockey Club seconds v. Navy seconds (King's Park), 5 p.m.  
Moon.—XI Moon, 26th Day.  
Sunrise.—6.56 a.m. Sunset.—6.43 p.m.

Tides.—High at 3.42 and 17.34; Low at 10.29.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Cinemas

King's.—"Diamond Jim."  
Queen's.—"Accent on Youth."  
Central.—"Chinese Picture."  
Oriental.—"No More Ladies."  
World.—"Chinese Picture."  
Alhambra.—"The Girl Friend."  
Majestic.—"One New York Night."  
Star.—"One Night Or Love."

Sports

Cricket.—First Division, Indian R.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. (L) Royal Navy v. Cranleigh C.C. (L); Civil Service C.C. v. University C.F.; Kowloon C.C. v. Army (F); Second Division, Cranleigh C.C. v. Royal Navy (L); University v. Civil Service C.C. (F); Army v. Kowloon C.C. (F).

Football.—First Division, South China "B" v. Royal Artillery, Lyemun (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m.; Club v. East Lancashire (Club Ground), 4 p.m.; St. Joseph's v. Chinese Athletic (Causeway Bay Ground), 4 p.m.; Kowloon v. Club de Recreio (Kowloon Ground), 4 p.m.; Second Division, Club v. R.A.S.C. and R.A.O.C., 2.30 p.m.; Eastern v. Uni-

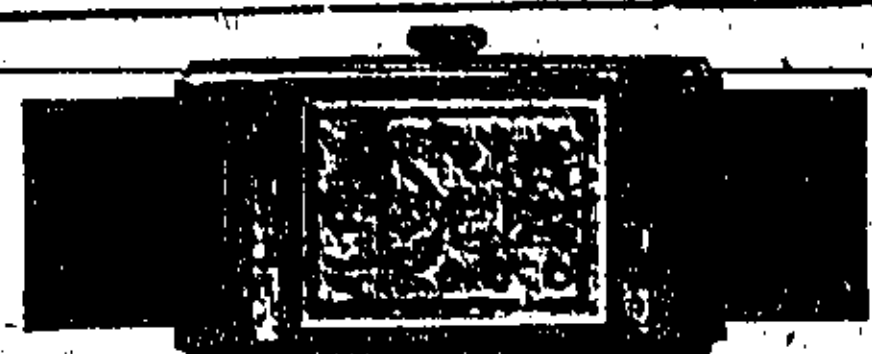
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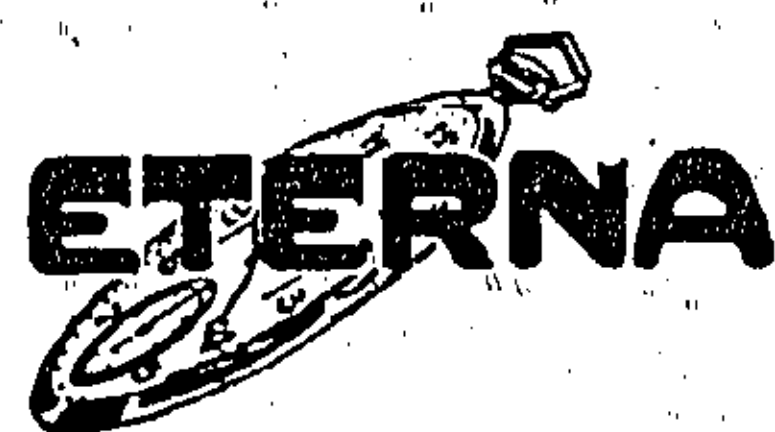




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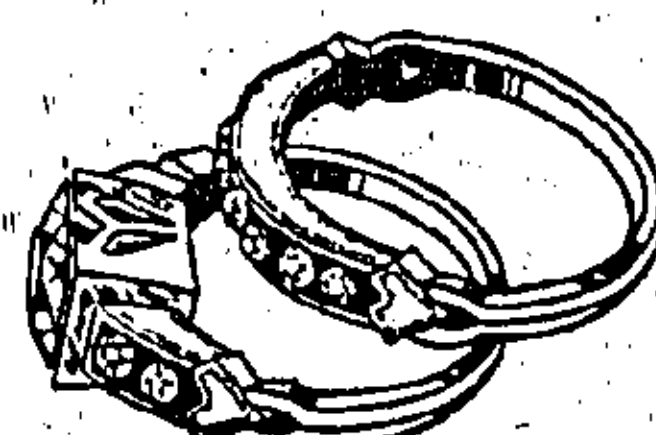
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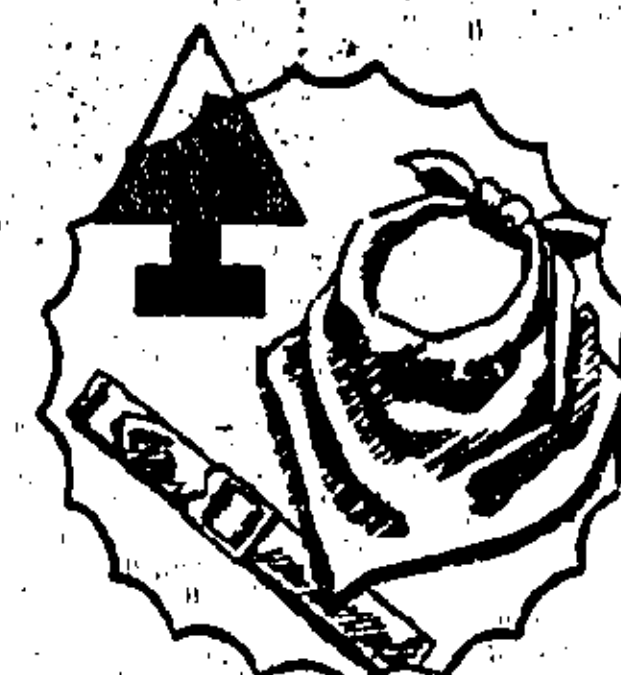
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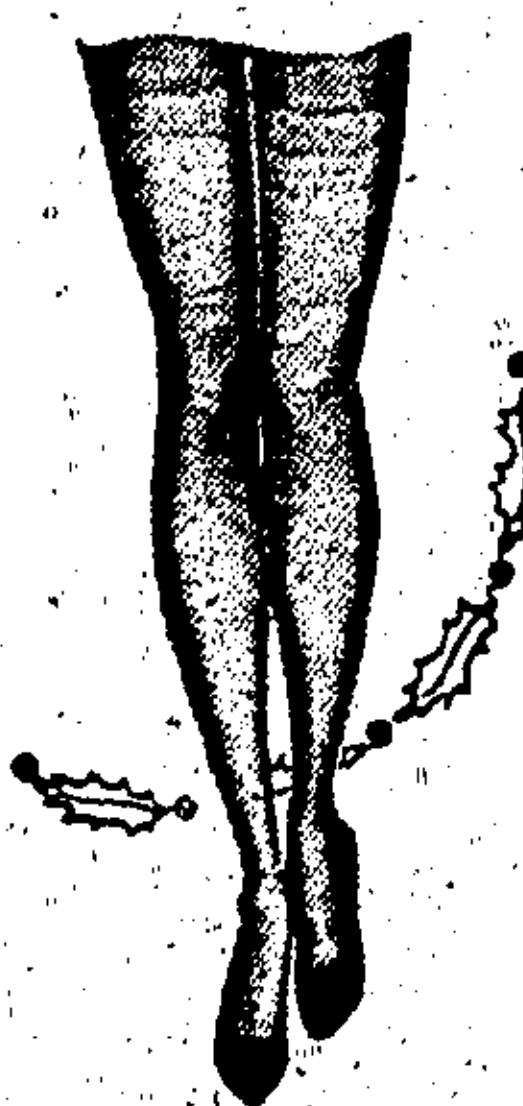
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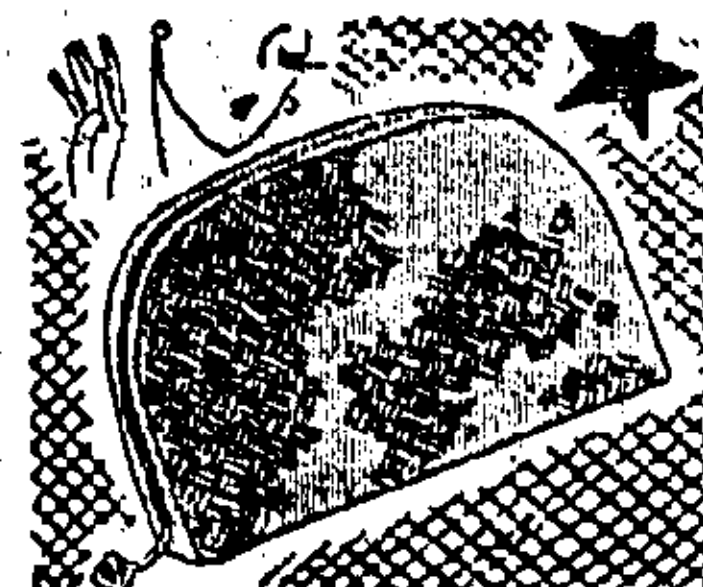
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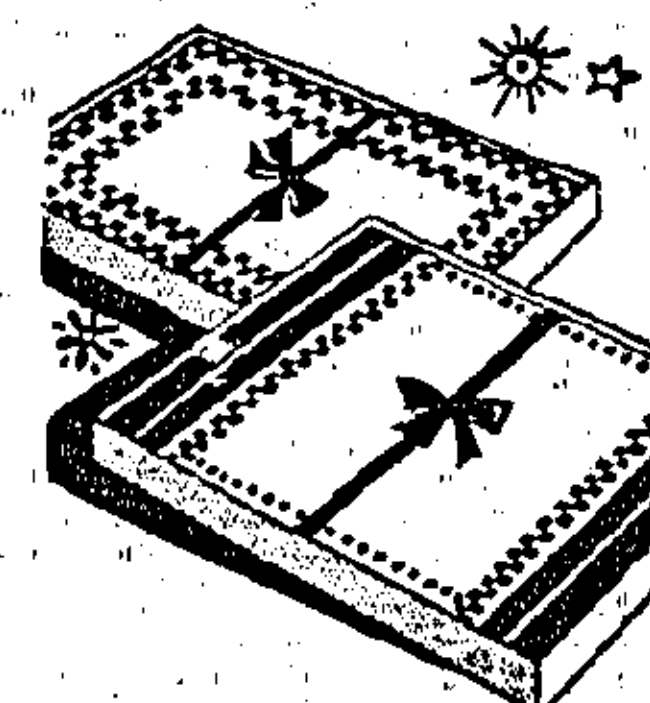
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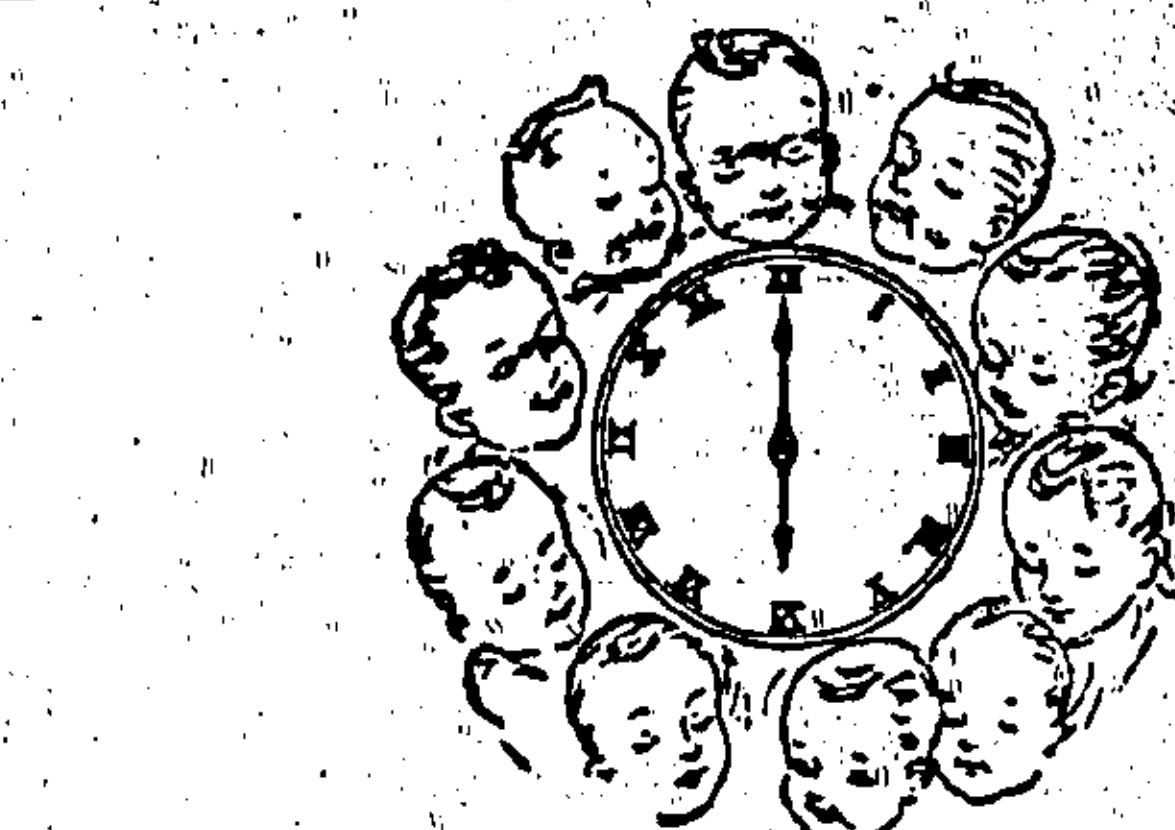
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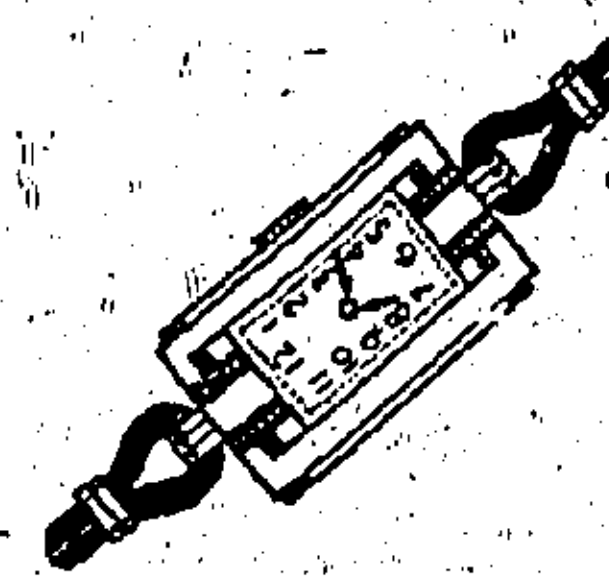
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# Fashion PRE-VIEW

CLOSE FIT

The Half-Season

Paris.  
If tightness is a virtue, virtue is not always a grace. For years there have been attempts to do down the human form that scarcely bones remained. Now that the limbs are reached, clothes themselves are being made tight by every means at the disposal of the designer. It is true that they do not necessarily feel tight. To that end the bias cut has been invented, which yields to the figure, and enables whole dresses to fit as do trousers. The bronze satin dress by Patou is a successful example of the bias cut. Also the world is full of woven or knitted or elastic materials which mould themselves to the figure as were they its own skin. Thus in the absence of much supplementary clothes, the skin-tight effect is produced. Finally, there are still little deceptions of the eye. Shoulders may be broad and they carry much of the burden of being thin. Broad shoulders make slim hips, even as broad trousers make small feet. And big sleeves also detract from any super-abundance of trunk. Thus everybody is abnormally thin, even while remaining more or less normal in actuality.

Things makes for a number of plain woollen dresses, the majority of which are in black with touches of bright colour, while the rest are themselves rather gay. Many are simply a broad-shouldered envelope, usually with close-fitting sleeves. Any decoration is superimposed; it does not lie in the cut. Thus a perfectly plain calf-length wool dress almost invariably has a striking belt and something showy at the neck. In the latter case this usually consists of a bow, a jewel or clasp and, sometimes of both. The clasp may match that of the belt though the latter often assumes exaggerated size. The clasp or cross at the neck may be the focus of a large butterfly bow. This is made by pleating a piece of material, gripping it in the middle with a jewel, and pinning one corner up to the shoulders and the other down to the waist. Some jewels merely grip little bright cockades. Where the neck of the wool dress is at all open, bright scarves are introduced, and these also may be fastened with a pin or jewel.

## TUNICS

Tunics of all sorts are much in vogue. They also have broad shoulders and themselves have not a fold or tuck. Some have a small stand-up collar, and to this and to the shoulders may be added a decoration rather like epaulettes. A short tunic is like



a sweater with a striking belt, while there is one still shorter which is almost exactly like a man's Tudor blouse. That is to say, it has a little ruff round the neck and wrist, long tight sleeves, and a belt. Also it buttons down the front with a small baggie. Baggies are often indistinguishable from the lower part of a tunic. The only thing is that with a tight skirt the baggies are made to stand out with a rather perky kick.

One feature of the half-season is the dress and square-cut coat. While dress remains close-fitting and thin, the swaggy-coat, whether it be only to the hips or well below them, is apt to stick out wide from the narrow skirt. Not only is the swaggy cut wide, but the back is cut on the round, so that it falls in folds of considerable size, usually from a yoke, but sometimes straight from the neck at the back. The military note is still formidable and frogging is widely seen. On redingotes in some dark colour the frogging may take the form of a beige inlay, shaped like frogging, but not actually braided. Stand-up, stiff little collars adorn many coats and dresses and these may have some gold upon them rather like a number of a letter, while epaulettes are constantly seen, and with all the profusion of those of a generalissimo. Close-fitting bodices of dresses in some dark stuff may have three lines on red braid down them lending them a military appearance. With these coats and dresses go forage caps or hats with peaks.

## Rose And Silver

Hollywood is admiring Wendy Barrie's festive evening frock, which she wears in "MILYONS IN THE AIR."

Carried out in stiff taffeta this model has the latest of low modern sweeping skirts.

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Another very acceptable gift is a silk negligee dressing gown, and they also have some very nice warm dressing gowns suitable for the weather we are now having.

## MAIZEE

Maizee's we hear are moving to larger premises in Alexander Building in Des Voeux Road. They are opening up on Monday next, and we wish them all success in their new enterprise.

## RIVELLE

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## MAYOS

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## GORDON'S

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PARIS FASHIONS

Lelong, Bruyere And  
Patou

Lucien Lelong's quiet clothes include hand-knitted coats and skirts with which are put washing silk blouses buttoned high to the throat. Belts have coloured glass buckles. For the afternoon Lelong trims black crepe satin with gilt buttons, tassels, and clips. Brown and gold are frequently combined. Skirts are slim and reasonably short. On black formal afternoon dresses, with long skirts and sleeves, the only trimming may be a row of coloured buttons closely set in a slant down one side of the bodice. Long silk fringe also trims black and brown dresses.

Draped Bodices  
Among the Bruyere mid-season fashions are black and brown smooth woollen two- and three-piece costumes. With slim skirts and straight pull-over gathered and draped bodices, with long sleeves, loose or tight, and high neck lines go either short jackets or long coats. With black coats and skirts silver lamé blouses are buttoned high to the throat; to match are silver hats with rolled brims and pointed crowns. Trimming is sparse. It may be no more than a little coloured bow at the neck, a braided front to a bodice, an edging of blue and white silk braid to a bow on a dark blue dress, big gilt buttons down the front of a black or brown woollen dress, or a mother-of-pearl brooch on another. A thick roll of astrakhan makes a separate collar, and is tied with ribbons in front.

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## Informal Evening Dresses

There are also informal evening dresses of black and coloured velvet; the skirts have a deep pleat from the waist, sleeves are long and full, and the neckline is high. A green velvet skirt has a gold lame top; a purple crepe dress with long full sleeves has a big pink coral brooch at the waist. Two formal white satin dresses are worn with elaborate collures of white Paradise plumes. Several evening skirts are slit in front.

Jean Patou shows some informal and formal afternoon dresses, a few long coats, and some well-cut dinner dresses. The formal afternoon-evening dresses are usually of black crepe; the skirts are long and tight to the instep; the jacket buttons up the front, and has leg-of-mutton sleeves and a springy basque. Under the jacket may be a light, short sleeved blouse cut to a deep point in the back and high to the throat. Lame embroidered with Rhinestones is a frequent material for such blouses. Informal afternoon dresses of black crepe satin, with a toque to match, are plain and well cut, reaching nearly to the ankle; the sleeves are full to the elbow, and flowers may be worn at the waist, or, if not, there may be a ruffle of coloured velvet at the neck. Evening dresses are ribbon and extend to the waist; a slim, long, or of ankle-length, and dress is worn with two yellow magnolia flowers at the low-cut



back, which is draped with two loops hanging from the shoulders. Several dresses have richly coloured velvet ribbon trimmings; the shoulder straps may be of velvet ribbon and extend to the waist; a ribbon belt may go three times round and be tied to a big bow dress is worn with two yellow magnolia flowers at the low-cut dress may have soft velvet revers.

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## TO-DAY'S RADIO PROGRAMMES

Broadcast by Z.B.W.  
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12.30 to 2.15 p.m.—European programme.  
12.30 p.m.—Recorded music.  
1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.  
1.15 p.m.—Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletin.  
1.45 p.m.—Close down.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
4 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.  
7 to 11 p.m.—European programme.  
7 to 7.33 p.m.—"Quartet in A Minor" (Schubert, Op. 29).  
7.33 to 7.50 p.m.—

Debroy Somers Band  
Shipmates O'Mine—Descriptive Ballad.  
Dixieland—Selection

7.50 to 8 p.m.—

From the Studio

"Book Reviews" by Sabrina.  
8 p.m.—Local time and weather report, closing local stock quotations.  
8.05 to 8.10 p.m.—"I Love you so" from "The Merry Widow" (Lehar) sung by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

8.10 to 8.30 p.m.—

From the Studio

"An Australian Visitor's Impressions of Hong Kong" by Norman Banks.

8.30 to 9 p.m.—

A Relay from Daventry

The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall.

9 to 9.20 p.m.—A Relay of the Daventry News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).

9.20 to 9.40 p.m.—

From the Studio

A Jazz Piano Recital by Doreen Ma.

9.40 to 10 p.m.—

Song—Rehearsing a Lullaby—Les Allen (Baritone)

Vocal—When that Harvest Moon is Shining—The Hill Billies

Rock and Roll—"Transatlantic Merry-go-round"—The Boswell Sisters

Wakes—"Cock O' the North"—Leslie Hutchinson

What is this thing?—"Temptation"—Frances Day (Soprano)

Nagasaki—The Mills Brothers

10 p.m.—Big Ben: Reuter Press Bulletin.

10.10 to 11 p.m.—Dance music.

11 p.m.—Close down.

## BERLIN PROGRAMME

9 p.m.—Call DJA, DJB, DJN (German, Engl.)

German Folk Song

Programme Forecast (German, Engl.)

9.15 p.m.—German Masters of Song: Tiana Lennitz sings songs by Brahms and Wolf.

9.45 p.m.—News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJB, DJN.

10 p.m.—Philharmonic Concert. Conducted by Wilhelm Furtwängler.

Soloist: Georg Kulenkampf.

11 p.m.—Folk Music.

11.15 p.m.—News in German on DJA, DJB, DJN.

11.30 p.m.—To-day in Germany. Sound Pictures.

11.45 p.m.—Quintet for Guitar and String Quartet by Boccherini.

Hans Neumann and the Sedding Quartet.

12.15 a.m.—News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJB, DJN.

12.30 a.m.—Close DJA, DJB, DJN (German, Engl.)

## RADIO MANILA

6 p.m.—Are You Listening? conducted by Bernie Nolasco.

6.30 p.m.—Spanish Informational Period.

6.40 p.m.—English Informational Period.

6.55 p.m.—Stock quotations, through the courtesy of Swan, Culbertson and Fritz.

7 p.m.—Max Lazo and his Hawaiians.

7.15 p.m.—The Magic Brain with the Magic Eye, presents "Music in the Air" with Mai Partridge.

7.30 p.m.—The Town Crier presents a quarter hour of Melody.

7.45 p.m.—Elizalde y Cia presents "Kits Tablante" and his College Harmonizers.

8 p.m.—Littering Musical Travelogue in Spanish, presenting the United States of America.

8.15 p.m.—Hispania.

8.30 p.m.—Welcome Tourist Programme for passengers aboard the Dollar, s.s. Pres. Hoover.

8.45 p.m.—Stock Quotations and Local Market Reports.

9 p.m.—Hispania—Zarzuelas.

10.30 p.m.—Popular Tunes and Requests.

11 p.m.—Sign on.

## LANCASTER MURDER CASE

**Dr. Ruxton On Trial At Police Court**

**ALLEGED STATEMENTS BEFORE ARREST**

London, Nov. 30.  
The hearing was continued at Lancaster Police Court yesterday of the case against Dr. Buck Ruxton, of Dalton Square, Lancaster, who is charged with the murder at Lancaster between September 1 and 29 of Mary Jane Rogers, 20, nursemaid employed by him at his house, and of his wife, Isabella Ruxton.

The case for the prosecution is that human remains found in a ravine at Moffat and in the neighbouring area were those of the dead women. "Body No. 1" is alleged to be that of Mary Rogers, and "Body No. 2" that of Mrs. Ruxton. The prosecution alleges that Dr. Ruxton murdered his wife and the nursemaid in the house at Lancaster.

Mr. G. R. Palling, solicitor, appears for the Director of Public Prosecutions. Dr. Ruxton is represented by Mr. E. Slinger and Mr. G. F. Gardner, solicitors.

Mrs. Hampshire resumed her evidence from the point where she finished on Thursday, when she told how on Sunday, September 15, she did certain cleaning work in Dr. Ruxton's house during the evening and then went home with her husband. She said the next time she saw Dr. Ruxton was about 9 o'clock the following morning, when he came to her house. He did not knock at the door, but walked in. She spoke first, and said: "Good God, doctor, how ill you look." He said: "Yes, I am ill. I have been awake all night with my hand paining me."

## TAB ON A SUI

Referring to a suit which she said Dr. Ruxton had given her, the witness said that the accused remarked that it was in a very dirty condition, and said he would take it away and have it cleaned for her. The witness said she demurred, saying she would pay for it to be cleaned. He then picked up the coat and pointed out a tab on the lining of the inside breast pocket. He then asked for the scissors, and when she gave them to him said his hand was too bad and he could not cut it out himself. He asked her if she would cut it out, and she did so. She went on talking to him, playing with the tab, and then he said: "Throw it in the fire; throw it in the fire." She threw it in the fire, and the doctor watched until it had burnt. She asked him why he wanted the tab cut out, and he said it was very unclean, and for a man to be wearing another man's clothes and other people to know it.

He asked her if she would go to his house in the afternoon, as his charwoman was not very well. He said she could open the door to the patients as they came.

The witness went on: "I said again to the doctor: 'Where is Mrs. Ruxton? Why don't you send for her when you are so ill?' He said she had gone to Edinburgh, and I said: 'I am sure she could not enjoy herself if she knew how ill you were.' He said that he did not care to spoil her holiday. Then I asked him if he wanted the vestibule key that I had taken the previous night. He said: 'No, you will want it to get in with.' Then the doctor left."

Mr. Palling—Did you notice anything on the tab which was cut out?—Yes, there was "Epstein" printed on it, and there was "B. Ruxton" written in ink on a piece of tape.

Mr. Palling—Did you notice anything about the doctor apart from the fact that he looked ill?—Yes, he was not shaved. He did not seem to have a collar and tie on and he had a very old raincoat. What made it all the more remarkable was that the doctor was always so well dressed.

After the doctor had gone, did you do anything?—Yes, I looked at the suit and noticed how badly it was bloodstained or appeared to be bloodstained. I thought 'I would look at the carpets then. There were three pieces of carpet and one was in a shocking condition. It was so badly bloodstained that I did not hardly know what to do with it.'

Did you do anything with that piece of carpet?—Yes, I laid it in the back yard, and threw about 30 buckets of water on it.

Did you notice anything about the water that you threw on the carpet?—Yes. It was just like blood.

Did you notice whether those bloodstains were wet or dry?—They were damp, not dry.

## "MY WIFE HAS GONE AWAY"

A length of stair carpet was handed to the witness. "It was unrolled, and Mrs. Hampshire identified it as that upon which she had thrown the water. Two more lengths of carpet were produced, and Mrs. Hampshire said that one of them had bloodstains on it. She scrubbed that carpet first with petrol and then with very strong washing soda. There were also some stair pads. She did not send the suit to be cleaned. She burned the waistcoat because it was so badly stained, but kept the jacket and trousers, intending to try to wash them. Later she handed the jacket and trousers, the three pieces of carpet and the stair pads to the police."

Mrs. Hampshire said that on the same day as she cleaned the carpets (the 16th) she again visited Dr. Ruxton's house. There was no one in at the time. She noticed that "everything was cleaned up. The two top bedrooms that were locked the day before were still locked. The table had been cleared in the lounge. When Dr. Ruxton came into the house at 1 or 1.30 p.m. she asked why he had sent for her as there was nothing to do. He said: "I sent for you because you have given me courage." He told her he had telephoned to a local café for some dinner.

"I said to the doctor," Mrs. Hampshire went on, "Why don't you send for the missus, doctor?" He replied: "She is in London." I said: "Doctor, you are telling me lies," and he replied: "Yes, I am. I will tell you the truth. My wife has gone away with another man and left me with the three children. A man comes to your house as a friend. You treat him as one. He eats from your table and makes love to your wife behind your back. It is terrible. I could forgive extravagance or anything else, but infidelity never."

"He seemed to me to be very upset. He laid down his head on the edge of the settee and cried bitterly. I was extremely sorry for him, and asked him to lie down for a little while I got his lunch. This he did, and after he had had lunch he attended in his surgery."

## RUBBISH IN THE YARD

In the afternoon, Mrs. Hampshire said, the dustmen called for the rubbish, which was kept in a yard at the back of the house. While they were there the doctor came into the yard and asked the dustmen to clear all the rubbish away. This included the carpets she had seen on the previous day, portions of half-burnt clothing, and a lot of rubbish piled up in a copper which looked as if someone had been scraping the walls. Under the rubbish in the corner seemed to be quite a number of bloodstained things.

Mr. Palling—What do you mean by bloodstained things?—It was clothing, sir. I could not see what it was.

Mrs. Hampshire said the dustmen did not take the carpets, as Dr. Ruxton said she could have those. She did not take them, however, because they were very wet with the rain.

Continuing her evidence, Mrs. Hampshire said that on the Sunday evening she knocked over a tin of petrol at the top of the cellar steps, behind the back door. On the Monday Dr. Ruxton said he had been using the petrol to burn the shirt and towels which were lying in the yard and they were so saturated that they would not burn. The doctor took away the remains of the shirt and towels.

Mrs. Hampshire said that on the following Thursday she went to the doctor's surgery about 2 p.m. The doctor was not in, but he came in about 3 o'clock. He asked her if she had got the suit cleaned. She told him that she had, but that was not true. She next saw the doctor a fortnight later when

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Universal's "Diamond Jim," dealing both with the life of James Buchanan Brady, bejeweled super-salesman, and with the colourful days and nights of the gay nineties, is drawing large audiences to the King's theatre following its opening.

Edward Arnold, who plays Brady, the purveyor of railroad equipment, the man who lost and made fortunes again and again in his career, who is \$2,000,000 worth of jewelry and gave parties which cost \$100,000 each, is "stealing the show," with Jean Arthur and Binnie Barnes, as Lillian Russell; the two women he really loved in the course of his amazing career, coming close to taking his honors.

Life on Broadway is one of the features, but Preston Sturges, in writing the script from the best-seller and Magazine story by Parker Merrell, has not neglected the thrills. There are, for instance, two train wrecks.

**"THE GIRL FRIEND"**

"The Girl Friend," a musical comedy released through Columbia began its initial run at the Alhambra Theatre yesterday.

Full of good tunes, with plenty of fun and dancing, it provides capital entertainment for fully two hours and lovers of this type of entertainment should not fail to pay a visit to the above theatre for they will certainly be delighted to hear Ann Southern in some of the catchy songs.

The story in somewhat on the lines of the usual musicals in that it centres a troupe of vaudeville entertainers who end up in a barn. How they eventually make good brings the plot; amusing climax, thanks to Jack Haley whose inimitable performance as "Napoleon" was the best in his career.—J.H.F.

The boys are losing their heads over her!

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That, in cause and effect, seems to be the tendency of the approval of audiences at the Alhambra Theatre, where Columbia's song-sprayed spree of giddy gaiety, "The Girl Friend," is holding forth.

Ann Southern, Jack Haley, Roger Pryor and a group of beautiful dancing girls go hay-hay down on the farm in the film, for the story deals with a sly wink at the activities of summer stock theatres.

**"I LIVE MY LIFE"**

Brian Aherne, the dignified Englishman, has gone caveman! He's slammed Joan Crawford into chairs, knocked rivals for a loop and in general behaved like the hard-boiled archeologist he portrays in the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "I Live My Life," in which he is the glamorous star's leading man. This picture opens on Sunday at the King's Theatre.

This is something new for Aherne. He behaved with grave Scotch dignity with Helen Hayes in "What Every Woman Knows." He was a perfect gentleman in "The Fountain," and in "Song of Songs" he was too interested in painting to throw things around.

"It's a privilege," he said rolling up his sleeves on the "I Live My Life" set, "to be able to unband for a change. Any actor knows that roles with action are better, and certainly they're more fun."

## TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

### Hong Kong

**KING'S:**—  
"Diamond Jim"  
**QUEEN'S:**—  
"People Will Talk"  
**ORIENTAL:**—  
"No More Ladies"

### Kowloon

**ALHAMBRA:**—  
"The Girl Friend"  
**MAJESTIC:**—  
"One New York Night"  
**STAR:**—  
"Mr. Dynamite"

### Coming

**KING'S:**—  
"I Live My Life"  
**QUEEN'S:**—  
"Accent On Youth"  
**ALHAMBRA:**—  
"Powder Smoke Range"  
**STAR:**—  
"One Night of Love"  
**MAJESTIC:**—  
"No More Ladies"

### "PEOPLE WILL TALK"

That particular style of comedy made popular by Charlie Ruggles and Mary Boland in such hits as "Ruggles of Red Gap," "Six of a Kind," "The Pursuit of Happiness" and half a dozen other films is developed in an even more delightful vein in "People Will Talk," their latest screen effort, which closes to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

Once more, Ruggles is cast as the meek husband who "takes it" from a domineering, overbearing wife—Miss Boland. This time, however, the characterizations are more finely shaded.

### "ACCENT ON YOUTH"

All of the wit, the subtlety and the delightful insights into character, which made "Accent On Youth" a hit on Broadway, these many months are now soon to be screened at the Queen's Theatre, where Sylvia Sydney and Herbert Marshall are starred in Paramount's film version of the play. At times frivolous, and at other times tenderly sympathetic, "Accent On Youth" is a story of a man who has passed forty, but finds himself suddenly in love with a girl who is only twenty. He is a successful playwright, who falls in love with his secretary.

### QUETTA EARTHQUAKE FILM

The harrowing scenes of the Quetta earthquake, which reduced in a single night a city teeming with thousands of troops and civilians into a mass of debris and mangled bodies of those who were trapped in the greatest catastrophe India has ever known, have been filmed and will be shown locally.

The film, which will be shown at the King's Theatre next Sunday at 11 a.m., is said to be one of the most colourful produced in India. Although depicting a tale of tragedy, several features have been introduced into the film including musical melodies to make it an interesting screen presentation.

### "MR. DYNAMITE"

Since the time when Cain killed Abel history has been full of murder mysteries. The real truth about the Cain and Abel affair was never actually known. To this day no one knows how or why the murder was committed.

Among contemporary murder mystery authors there is none more prolific than Dashiell Hammett, whose "Thin Man" scored such instantaneous success as a novel and on the screen. Now comes Universal with a brand new Hammett mystery, "Mr. Dynamite," which may be seen this week on the screen of the Star Theatre, with Edmund Lowe in the starring title role.

### "POWDER SMOKE RANGE"

Romance and glamour of the open range in the days when men were cowboys and six-shooters were the law of the land is

## LADY ROBBED IN CITY

### Snatcher Gets Away With Handbag

A bag snatching episode, perpetrated in the heart of the town occurred shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday, the thief making a clean get-away.

Mrs. Almeida, residing at No. 358 Prince Edward Road, 3rd floor, Kowloon reported to the Police that while she was walking along Des Voeux Road Central, near the Central Market, a Chinese male snatched her handbag from her and ran away. The bag contained \$30 in money.

### LOSS OF RING

Another report to the Police relates to the loss of a platinum ring, valued at £15, the property of Miss Homal, cashier of the Dairy Farm store, in Queen's Road Central.

It was stated that the ring, set with nine small diamonds, was lost either in the St. Francis Hotel, or the Dairy Farm premises, sometime on Wednesday.

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### Tippoo Sahib's Diamonds

Basingstoke, Dec. 2.

Heirlooms and jewellery of great value, including an Indian Sultan's diamond spray and Lord Byron's gold and enamel snuff-box, were stolen from the home of Lord and Lady Dorchester, Greywell Hill, near here, last night.

At the time Lord and Lady Dorchester were dining with Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Currie, at Minley Manor, Farnborough. The burglary was discovered by a housemaid, who found Lord and Lady Dorchester's bedrooms in disorder. Lord and Lady Dorchester and the police were at once informed by telephone.

The theft had evidently been carefully planned. The police believe that four men were concerned. They used a sliding ladder—later found in the grounds—to reach Lady Dorchester's bedroom window. This they cut with a diamond, after first smearing the glass with vaseline.

A stormy night was chosen and nothing was heard by the servants. No finger-prints have been found, and the police believe that the men wore rubber gloves.

### FROM SULTAN'S TURBAN

Lord Dorchester told me to-day "The diamond spray was taken from the turban of Tippoo Sahib, Sultan of Mysore, after he was killed in the siege of Seringapatam in 1799. It came into my family through my great-great uncle, Gen. Wylder, who took part in the siege."

"The snuffbox which belonged to Lord Byron came into our possession through Lord Broughton, who was a friend of Lord Byron."

"My medal case was open, and I thought my miniatures had been taken until I found them, wrapped in tissue paper, in a corner of the bedroom. Probably the thieves had dropped them in their hurry to get away."

Tippoo Sahib, son of Hyder Ali, became Sultan of Mysore in 1799 after concluding peace with the British following the first Mysore war. In 1799 he provoked British invasion by ravaging the territories of the Raja of Travancore.

He was defeated by Lord Cornwallis near Seringapatam in 1792, and forced to cede half his dominions. Hostilities were renewed in 1799, and Tippoo Sahib was killed in the storming of Seringapatam.

brought to the screen by Harry Carey, Hoot Gibson and supporting galaxy of virile action stars in RKO Radio's super western picture "Powder Smoke Range." A tale of the pioneer cattle town, Los Potos, and the spectacular overthrow of the sinister band which controls it by three roving cowboys, the picture is replete with blazing action, thrills, romance, and comedy. This superb film is coming to the Alhambra Theatre on Sunday to Tuesday.

## At The China Emporium

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### \$400 TO BE WON!

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### AT THE SOFT GOODS DEPT

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### FOR THE TABLE

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### RADIO ETC.

For Christmas music the radio department of this firm has a nice range of radio receivers of the Zenith, Grunow and other makes and a large shipment of the newest 1935 models of the Zenith line is due by the s.s. President Hoover.

There is also in the furnishing department, beautiful carpets at very attractive prices and also settee suits in the modern bent steel vogue at marvellously low prices.

It is difficult to describe the many good things in this well known store and the best way to satisfy oneself is to pay it a visit. Naturally, to avoid the rush and inconvenience it is wise to shop early.

## Charity Cup Football

### PORTUGAL v WALES

Portugal, will meet Wales in the Sunday Herald Cup International competition on Boxing Day, Dec. 26 at 3.30 p.m.

The following players will represent Portugal:

R. Marques, A. V. Gosano (Capt.), V. Costa, N. Delgado, N. A. Beltrao, F. J. Elms, T. M. Castilho, A. Ward, B. Gosano, J. Gomes, A. Alves.

Reserves: U. B. Souza, E. Silva, S. Souza, V. Marques G. Fernandes, C. Marques, H. M. Campos, J. L. Alves.

### CARNIVAL DANCE

#### At St. Andrew's Club

Music, balloons, streamers, gaiety—in fact all the fun associated with the festive season—featured the annual Christmas dance held by St. Andrew's Club in the Church Hall last night. A record crowd tripped the "light fantastic" to the strains of excellent music supplied by the Tru-badadors and the merry-making continued with the utmost zest until shortly after 1 a.m. when "The King" brought to a conclusion a most successful evening.

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**Babies' Condition "Much Improved"**

London, Dec. 2.

The quadruplets—a girl and three boys—born on Thursday morning at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miles, in Ferrars Avenue, Eynesbury, St. Neots, were stated by Dr. Harrison to be doing exceptionally well and to be very much improved yesterday. Mrs. Miles, too, was very comfortable, and the doctor was satisfied with her condition.

A local business man has opened a fund to help Mr. and Mrs. Miles to rear their family, and Mr. A. J. Huckle, chairman of the local urban district council, is to suggest that the council should suitably recognize the event, especially as the quadruplets were born in one of the council houses.

The quadruplets were christened at the house yesterday by Canon A. R. South Phillips, rector of Eynesbury. The girl was named Ann, the first boy Ernest, the next Paul, and the youngest Michael.

Dr. Harrison explained that there had been a rush of people to see them at their home, and he thought it advisable to take them to his house, where also there was more convenience and better accommodation for the nurses. They were taken two at a time in the doctor's car. Dr. Harrison said that the babies are costing about £15 a day, and he added, "Donations would be very acceptable, for the father is in poor circumstances." Human milk has to be brought by car from a London hospital at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., the journeys totalling about 200 miles a day "Any offer of help in fetching the milk would be gratefully received," said Dr. Harrison.

**OBITUARY**

**Sir Bampfylde Fuller**

London, Dec. 1.

Sir Bampfylde Fuller, a noted ex-Governor in India, who has died at Marlborough at the age of 81, entered the Indian Civil Service in 1873.

He was Chief Commissioner of Assam 1902-5, and from then until his retirement in 1906 he was Lieut.-Governor of Eastern Bengal and Assam.

The war saw him serving under Mr. Lloyd George as Director of Timber Supplies.

Mr. Rowse drew a picture of a London in which large, low-lying areas unsuitable for residential purposes would have been evacuated, adding thousands of acres of open space. Higher buildings would be our refuge in the commercial, shopping and theatre centres, "which will die of stagnation if they are not freed from congestion."

The centre of London would be "a city of huge, isolated towers set in greenery, in no way another Manhattan, but based on the best in that much-abused idea." It would be crossed by a few great speed tracks, with a much simpler, broader pattern of streets in the intervening zones.

Factories and dwellings, separated by broad green belts, would lie in rings round the heavily built-up centre.





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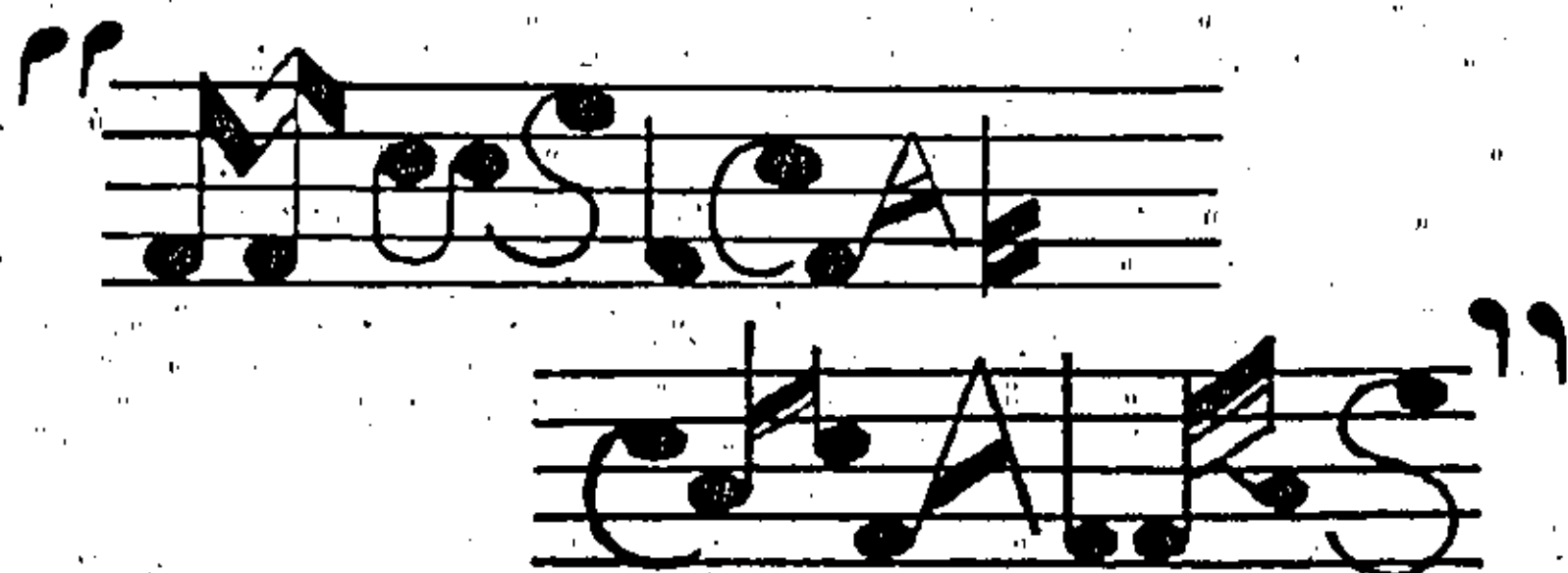
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## CHINESE KILLED BY LORRY

DRIVER NOT TO BE BLAMED

Yesterday's Enquiry  
By Coroner

An enquiry was held at the Central Magistracy yesterday, with Mr. H. R. Butters sitting as Coroner, into the circumstances attending the death of Chan Yat, 25 years of age, who was knocked down and killed by a motor lorry while walking along Pokfulam Road, on the evening of November 18. Dr. G. I. Shaw, Medical Officer of Victoria Mortuary said that he conducted a post-mortem examination on the deceased and in his opinion death was caused by shock and haemorrhage, following a ruptured liver and haemorrhage of the brain. Deceased condition was consistent with having been knocked down by a lorry. He had not been run over and from the nature of the injuries, witness was of the opinion that some time had elapsed before deceased died.

### NO SKID MARK

Sergt. C. Blackburn said that he visited the spot with the driver of the lorry in question and could find no skid mark on the road on the scene of the accident. The accident had occurred at an "S" bend near the University cricket ground. The driver had explained to witness that at the time of the accident the street lamps were not lighted.

Lui Wing, 29 years of age, a blacksmith employed by the Sung Tai building contractors engaged in constructing the new G. C. H., who was walking with Chan Yat at the time of the accident said that the latter was on the outside. "The lorry ran straight on to us and knocked down my friend," he added.

### FELT A BUMP

In answer to the jury witness said that the lorry rounded a bend and came upon them without sounding the horn. The head lights were very dim.

Yung Kai, 30 years of age, driver of the lorry, stated that the accident occurred under a tree. "I had negotiated the corner and had gone a few feet when I felt a bump in the rear of my vehicle." Just before the accident he had changed from third gear into top. Witness said that he saw a group of men in the middle of the road, and had succeeded in avoiding them by keeping well into the side of the road, when he felt a thump.

Sergt. T. McInnes of the Traffic Department, said that he tested the vehicle the day after the accident and found it to be in perfect mechanical order. The brakes were sound, and in his opinion could have been pulled up in 25 yards at a speed of 15 m.p.h. The lights were bad, giving a dim red ray.

### SUMMING UP

Summing up, the Coroner said that certain of the evidence from the principle witnesses of the accident, was unsatisfactory, particularly that offered by Lui Wing. He, (Lui Wing) had committed himself with certain statements such as insisting that the deceased fell on the spot, whereas the medical evidence indicated that the latter was dragged along the road. Only one thing was sure, deceased was struck by the side of the lorry. Although evidence had been given that the lorry was travelling at a high speed, the Coroner thought that this could not have been the case, as it had pulled up in the moderate distance of 20 to 30 feet. The evidence of the driver was not clear, but there was no conclusive evidence to show that he was on the wrong side of the road, or travelling fast. The lights undoubtedly were dim, but again there was insufficient evidence to show that this fact was the cause of the accident.

Without retiring, the jury returned a verdict of "death by misadventure."

Wong Sze, a 35-years-old new-comer to Hongkong, was charged before Mr. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy with having house-breaking implements in his possession, at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. He was seen to stop in front of the door of a pawn-shop, at 178 Des Voeux Road Central, beginning to drill with a brace. He was arrested and searched, and a screw-driver and spanner were found on him. The defendant pleaded that he was hungry, and had meant to sell whatever he could steal to buy food. He was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

## Around the Courts

### RETURNED BANISHEE

Li Kan, aged 31, a returned banishee, appeared before Mr. K. Keen, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a charge of having returned to the Colony after having been banished for ten years on January 29, 1925.

Accused was arrested on December 9, at No. 49 Temple Street. T. G. Mackay, Officer in charge of the finger print Department said that he had traced defendant's record, and found that he had six previous convictions.

His Worship committed accused for trial at the next Sessions.

Mrs. V. M. Pearce, of the International Boarding House, Nathan Road, was fined \$5 by Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday for keeping a dog without a licence. Defendant stated she brought the dog from Tientsin three months ago and she had an import permit.

Mrs. MacKnight, of 5, Armend Building, Kowloon, was fined \$25 on a summons for allowing her black and white spaniel dog in Chatham Road near the Children's Playground unmuzzled and not on a lead. It was stated that the house-boy was seated on a bench reading the newspaper while the dog was running about.

Inspector Stimson had charge of the cases.

Appearing on remand before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Lo Wink, a life banishee, who was charged with returning from banishment, was remanded for a further 48 hours. Defendant had pleaded that he returned to collect the bones of his dead brother from the Tung Wah Hospital.

Inspector Hourihan stated this morning that defendant's story had been proved to be correct on enquiries being made. Defendant also had an elder brother residing in the Colony. It appeared that defendant had previously sent his wife to Hong Kong to recover the bones, but she was not allowed to get them, as she could not find a suitable guarantee.

A remand was ordered to enable defendant and his brother to make arrangements for the recovery of the bones.

A man, Wong Chi, who resisted arrest and bit the finger of an Indian constable, in the Shadi-shupo district, was fined \$25, or one month's hard labour in default, when he appeared before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday. A further fine of \$4, or five days' imprisonment, was imposed on a charge of hawking garters without a licence.

On the application of Detective Sergeant J. S. Riddell, Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday made an order for the confiscation of 63 tael of raw opium found unclaimed aboard the steamer Tainan, lying at buoy B14, yesterday. It was found in a ventilator in the crew's wash-house.

A 24-years-old shop foki, Li Kam, was fined \$3 by Mr. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy yesterday for cycling past a red light at the junction of Jackson Street and Des Voeux Road Central, to the danger of himself, as a motor car coming up Jackson Road almost collided with him.

Two unemployed men, newly arrived in the Colony from Canton, appeared before Mr. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy yesterday, on a charge of stealing a roll of green silk worth \$50.

The defendants, Mak Kwong, 37, and Lai Luk, 68, who had been under the observation of two district watchmen at about 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, entered a cloth shop in Jervoise Street, and were attended by a young foki, whose superiors were in another room. He was asked to bring down a few rolls of silk from the shelves and he did so. When several rolls were on the counter, the foki was again asked to bring down another. While his back was turned, the younger defendant pulled a roll from the counter and passed it to his companion, who hid it under his gown. They then left the shop but were arrested as they stepped outside.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was passed.

Six weeks' hard labour was imposed by the Kowloon Magistrate (Mr. Wynne-Jones) yesterday on Li Man, 32, unemployed, for stealing two pieces of iron piping from the Pumping Station Store in Shanghai Street near Waterloo Road, and a similar prison term was meted out to Leung Cheuk, aged 40, for the theft of 5 5-cent pieces from the Chuen Cheong stall at the side door of 46 Shanghai Street. Inspector R. Shannon prosecuted in both cases.

A young wash amah, Wong Siu, aged 17, pleaded guilty before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday to stealing \$120, the property of Wong Po, 30, amah, 15 Hillwood Road, third floor, where the defendant was also employed until December 17 when she left of her own accord. It was stated by the police that the money was stolen on December 13 but the complainant only discovered her loss on Wednesday.

Li Kau, aged 20, unemployed, appeared before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy yesterday charged with stealing quantities of electric wiring from the second and third floors of No. 55 Queen's Road East, from the first floor of No. 8, Ship Street, and from the third floor of No. 72, Stone Nullah Lane. A fourth count of possession of a pair of pliers was also preferred against defendant. Detective Sergeant Fitches

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stated that numerous similar cases had been reported to the police, and apparently there was a market for electric wiring. Defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour on each charge of larceny, the first two to be consecutive and the third concurrent. A conviction was registered on the fourth charge.

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## HONG KONG TRADE RETURNS

## Figures For November Issued

According to official trade statistics issued by the Statistical Office of the Imports and Exports Department, the combined values of imports and exports of merchandise during the first eleven months of 1935 amounted to \$576.4 millions (\$57.5 millions), as compared with \$671.4 millions (\$50.8 millions) in the corresponding period of 1934, representing a decrease of 14.5 per cent. in terms of Hong Kong currency and an increase of 13.2 per cent. in terms of sterling values.

Imports of merchandise during the first eleven months of 1935 totalled \$330.7 millions (\$33.1 millions), as compared with \$377.7 millions (\$28.4 millions) in the corresponding period of 1934; a decrease of 12.4 per cent. in Hong Kong dollar values and an increase of 18.5 per cent. in sterling values.	New Zealand	7,978	30,227
Exports of merchandise during the first eleven months of 1935 totalled \$245.6 millions (\$24.4 millions), as compared with \$293.7 millions (\$22.3 millions) in the corresponding period of 1934; a decrease of 17.3 per cent. in Hong Kong dollar values and an increase of 9.4 per cent. in sterling values.	B. N. Borneo	193,048	55,287
During the month of November, 1935 imports of merchandise amounted to a total of \$28.4 millions (\$2.1 millions), as compared with \$38.8 millions (\$3.2 millions) in November, 1934; a dollar decrease of 26.8 per cent. and a sterling decrease of 34.4 per cent.; whilst exports totalled \$23.5 millions (\$1.7 millions), as compared with \$29.5 millions (\$2.4 millions); a dollar decrease of 20.5 per cent. and a sterling decrease of 29.2 per cent.	S. Africa	66,570	32,148
The following table shows comparative figures of imports and exports of merchandise and treasure during the months of November, 1935 and November, 1934:—	W. Africa	(38,936)	(41,101)
	W. Indies	(—)	24,749
	B. E. Other	(495)	195,911
	Belgium	57,659	(100,635)
	China, North	(134,812)	94,976
	China, Middle	250,023	(231,500)
	China, South	(391,484)	11,739
	Cuba	4,671,797	(48,995)
	C. America	(7,456,205)	1,914,415
	Denmark	215,012	(3,924,827)
	Egypt	(459,765)	993,723
	France	6,196,374	(1,414,767)
	Germany	(6,176,453)	8,427,133
	Holland	8,723	(8,572,653)
	Italy	(—)	6,723
	Japan	(12,227)	94,584
	Kwong Chow	(148,376)	(300)
	Macao	10,595	1,488
	N. E. Indies	(8,850)	(4,152)
	Philippines	8,990	14,194
	Siam	(41,915)	(332,868)
	S. America	211,437	929,397
	Sweden	(184,034)	(1,780,097)
	Switzerland	1,801,116	223,734
	Spain	(1,261,726)	(136,482)
	U. S. A.	1,324,887	97,558
	Others	(1,162,160)	(30,435)
		328,904	3,500
		(336,309)	(19,994)
		215,826	1,086,865
		(166,854)	(1,533,754)
		3,662,850	655,160
		(3,928,091)	(839,447)
		437,253	934,413
		(421,238)	(1,385,896)
		576,275	91
		(647,720)	(895)
		67,186	944,723
		(40,316)	(942,103)
		1,110,337	1,087,291
		(4,260,185)	(417,464)
		92,252	1,030,139
		(80,434)	(1,523,756)
		1,382,727	57,435
		(2,672,576)	(75,784)
		7,932	4,290
		(8,655)	(740)
		170,257	(5)
		(161,035)	34,313
		17,822	(70,743)
		(42,865)	2,555,621
		27,552	(1,969,831)
		(3,039)	105,702
		1,648,616	(113,706)
		(2,932,529)	
		221,844	
		(92,890)	

Nov. 1935 Nov. 1934  
Merchandise \$28,410,709 \$38,817,414  
Treasure..... 4,851,212 8,538,035  
Total ... \$33,261,921 \$47,355,449

Nov. 1935 Nov. 1934	
Merchandise \$23,541,998 \$29,474,552	
Treasure..... 33,232,844 14,605,313	
Total ... \$56,774,842 \$44,079,865	

VALUES FLUCTUATE  
Since November, 1934, monthly values of imports of merchandise into Hong Kong fluctuated from a low Hong Kong dollar value (26.1 millions) in August, 1935, to a high (38.8 millions) in November, 1934; whilst export values fluctuated from a low of \$18.0 millions in July, 1935, to a high of \$29.5 millions in November, 1934. Details are given below, with the sterling equivalents, at monthly average rates of exchange, in brackets:—

1934	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
Nov.	\$38,817,414 (\$2,941,696)	\$29,474,552 (\$2,402,493)
Dec.	\$38,253,151 (\$2,845,180)	\$28,405,180 (\$2,396,685)

1935  
Jan. \$34,274,109 (\$2,842,125)  
Feb. \$28,800,844 (\$2,584,724)  
March \$34,175,095 (\$2,738,852)  
April \$32,005,052 (\$2,563,192)  
May \$35,560,854 (\$2,866,674)  
June \$26,423,997 (\$2,195,866)  
July \$28,745,053 (\$2,396,890)  
Aug. \$26,145,130 (\$2,124,198)  
Sept. \$26,820,165 (\$2,192,423)  
Oct. \$31,564,844 (\$2,584,724)  
Nov. \$28,410,709 (\$2,341,998)

Mean rate of exchange for November, 1935, H.K. = 1s. 5-13/16d.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS  
The total values of imports and exports of merchandise for the month of November, 1935, are shown below by countries; the figures for November, 1934, being given in brackets:—

U.K.	1,835,210	1,131,130
Australia	(2,419,101)	(612,398)
Burma	445,750	118,976
Canada	(601,495)	(152,978)
Ceylon	25,254	180,907
E. Africa	(47,718)	(142,798)
India	255,069	148,608
Japan	(294,395)	(148,601)
Malaya	30,308	85,772
N. E. Indies	(12,101)	99,803
Philippines	31,227	13,377
Siam	(40,033)	(26,833)
Switzerland	323,431	497,567
U.S.A.	(1,497,953)	(327,440)
British Malaya	551,395	1,640,733
Others	(587,011)	(2,185,284)

## PUBLIC ROUP AT THE PADDOCK

WELL-KNOW PONIES FETCH HIGH PRICES  
Soldier Of Germany Sold For \$410

There was a large gathering of horse racing enthusiasts at the Paddock of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, when an auction of ponies was held yesterday by Messrs. Hughes & Hough, Ltd.

Several well known ponies were put up and brisk biddings were made for them. Soldier of Germany, which started at \$200 was sold to Mr. N. Deltz for \$410 after close bidding, while Locksley Hall which was put up for \$20 went to Captain Rybot for \$200.

Prior to the auction the following ponies were withdrawn: High Finance, Soldier of China, Soldier of Victory, Partnership, and Flying Tourist, while the following two ponies were also unsold due to offers not reaching the limits: Racing Heart and Alacrity.

The following were the successful bidders and prices paid for the ponies.

THE LOT  
Beginner's Luck, bay, 13.2, 1935 Subscription-Griffin. Winner and placed in Race Meetings, sold to Mak Chai for \$55.

Winkfield, chestnut, 13.2, 1935 Subscription-Griffin, sold to Mak Chai for \$70.

Trent, bay, 13.3, 1935 Subscription-Griffin, sold to Mak Chai for \$65.

High Finance, chestnut, 14.1, 1934 Subscription-Griffin. Total stakes won to date—\$500.00 (withdrawn).

Soldier of China, grey, 14.1, 1934 Griffin. Winner and placed many times (withdrawn).

Soldier of Germany, bay, 14.1, 1934 Griffin. Winner and placed many times, sold to Mr. N. Deltz for \$410.

Soldier of Victory, bay M. 14.1, 1935 Griffin. Winner and placed many times (withdrawn).

Tillicum, bay, 14.0, 1933 Griffin. Total stakes won to date—\$3,025. sold to Mr. N. Deltz for \$170.

Heart's Glory, chestnut, 14.1, 1934 Griffin. Winner and placed many times, sold to Mr. Fung Sze Hei for \$200.

Partnership, bay, 13.2, 1933 Subscription-Griffin. Total stakes won to date—\$9,125 (withdrawn).

Racing Heart, chestnut, 14.3, 1934 Australian pony. Winner and placed many times (withdrawn not up to limits).

Locksley Hall, bay, 13.3, 1935 Subscription-Griffin. Winner of "Last Chance Handicap" December 14, 1935, sold to Captain Rybot, R.A. for \$200.

Alacrity, brown, 14.2, 1934 Australian pony. Winner and placed many times (withdrawn not up to limits).

China, Pony, chestnut, 14.0, this pony was one of the batch of Subscription-Griffins for 1936. It went lame and was not included in the draw, consequently it is not eligible to race as a Subscription-Griffin, sold to Mr. Brown for \$140.

Flying Tourist, F.B.G., 14.1, 1932 Griffin. Winner and placed many times (withdrawn).

Propitious Time, bay, 14.0, 1935 Subscription-Griffin. Winner and placed several times, sold to Dr. J. Durran for \$130.

Late Prince Svasti  
DATE FOR FUNERAL NOT YET FIXED

Penang, Dec. 11.  
H.R.H. Prince Svasti, father of the ex-Queen of Siam, who died at his residence in Penang yesterday, had been ill for some months. He was 70 years of age.

The Prince came to reside in Penang about two years ago. He had been in indifferent health since a motor accident in which he was involved last year. His condition took a turn for the worse about five days ago.

The date for his funeral has not been fixed. It is understood it will take place a fortnight hence.

## C.B.S. XMAS PARTY

## Pupils Entertain In Fancy Dress

The Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel was the scene of a colourful function yesterday afternoon when the pupils of the Central British School turned out in fancy dresses on the occasion of their annual Christmas Party.

There was a large attendance of parents who must have envied these happy youngsters the glorious time they were having. The party started with a parade before the judges composing of Mrs. Updale, Mrs. Rees, Mrs. Orr and Mrs. McLellan and their task was not an enviable one for the costumes vied with each other in design and originality. Tea was then served.

After tea the room was cleared up and the gathering indulged in dancing, the music being supplied by the Hotel Band. This was followed by community singing.

To crown the happy occasion a play "Peter Pan" by J. M. Barrie was given by the pupils which was a huge success. The cast one and all are to be congratulated for the fine performance they gave and throughout the play not one of them forgot the character they were portraying which shows the careful training and rehearsing they were put through.

Special mention must be made of Miss Joan Lakeman whose portrayal of Mrs. Darling was outstanding, while Toby Wheatley (Wendy), I. Kerr (Peter Pan) and P. Simon (Captain Hook) also deserve mention.

The pirates as enacted by Masters E. Kennard, S. Williams, T. Jeffery, J. Odell, W. Gegg, M. Grant, V. Sanders and J. Whitman certainly played their parts well and the Indian dance by Miss Peggy Stringer was very well done.

After the play prizes were distributed to the winners of the fancy dress competition. They are as follows:—Miss Diana Freeman as "Nigh" won the girl's prize and Master A. Baines as King Henry VIII. won the boy's prize. Miss Doris Darby "Abyssinia-Italy" won the girl's prize for originality and Master Pat Burn "Cracker" the boy's prize.

An extra prize was awarded to Miss Mona Shand whose costume depicting the "Dollar Problem" was certainly a charming affair.

Xmas Tableaux  
Ai Cathedral

CHILDREN SING LUTHER CRADLE HYMN

Christmas Tableaux will be presented on Saturday, December 21st and Monday, December 23rd at 5.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. The story will be given in five tableaux accompanied by newly composed music and interspersed with well known carols.

Admission will be free. (Tickets ensuring a seat can be obtained at the Cathedral Office). A collection will be taken to defray expenses.

Hitherto the Cathedral has marked the Seasons by Religious Dramas presented chiefly by adults. This year the children will be entirely responsible for the Tableaux. Even the youngest—the very small children of the Kindergarten—will take part in the singing of Luther's Cradle Hymn.

Proof Of The "Penny Black" Stamp.

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London, Dec. 1.

The proof of the first postage stamp, the "penny black," is to be sold at Harmer, Rooke's, Strand, in January. For years the proof has been in the country home of Captain Corboud, of Andover, Hants, whose ancestor, Henry Corboud, was the designer of the stamp.

Nearly 100 years ago the Treasury invited "artists" men of science, and the public in general, to submit proposals in competition for prizes. They were to have regard to possible forgery, distinguishing marks, and expense of

production. Corboud received a fee of twelve guineas, and Heath, the engraver, fifty guineas.

The printers were Perkins and Bacon, of Fleet-street, whose printing office was later occupied by Harmer, Rooke's.

On May 1, 1840, Rowland Hill reported "Great bustle" at the Stamp Office. Two thousand five hundred pounds worth were sold for the first day.

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## HERMES STOKER ATTACKED

SIX CHINESE TAKE PART  
One Caught And Convicted

Singapore, Dec. 18.  
A mysterious attack on a stoker from the Hermes in Owen Road about 8.30 on Saturday night led to the appearance in the third court yesterday of a neatly dressed young Chinese on a charge of having voluntarily causing grievous hurt to one Fred Carpenter.

The accused, who pleaded not guilty but was convicted and fined \$20, default 30 days, was Chu Buck Tee, overseer on his father's rubber plantation in Thomson Road.

A police detective gave evidence that he was riding a bicycle in Owen Road and saw Carpenter being assaulted by five or six persons armed with sticks. Chu was one of the assailants and when arrested by the detective had a broom stick in his hand but immediately threw it away. His companions made off in all directions and the detective was unable to capture them.

The detective took Carpenter and Chu to the police station and later escorted the bruised and bleeding stoker to the General Hospital.

QUITE SOBER  
Fred Carpenter (41), leading stoker on H.M.S. Hermes, said that he was set on by six Chinese armed with sticks. There was no reason for the attack and he was quite sober at the time as a Siamese girl friend of his could testify. Chu had been among the assailants and had hit him over the head with a stick.

Medical evidence was given that Carpenter's injuries which included a "black eye" were consistent with those to be expected if an attack with sticks was made on him.

Chu denied taking part in the assault and said that he had been arrested by mistake when on his way to the New World but Mr. C. H. Whitton, the magistrate declared that he was convinced that the accused had taken part in the affray. The Siamese girl did not give evidence as she said she could not speak English or any of the languages for which the court had interpreters present.

Children's Concert  
The tiny tots of the Kowloon Junior School held a very successful entertainment to wind up the Christmas term.

St. Andrew's Hall was packed yesterday when all parents and friends turned up to see the children's concert. It was certainly a grand display, and a great credit to the School that such small tots could stage their own little play. Among the many present were Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

The first item on the programme was a Nursery Rhyme Play by classes 9B and 10. The scene was that of a garden in which the Dame's house was situated.

All the old-time nursery stories were produced, namely Little Bo-Peep, Little Jack Horner and one or two others.

Another item which calls for special mention was Nursery Rhymes of London Town. Twenty pupils came out one after another and made a short recitation each of which had a different title.

Finally came the Children's Pageant of Christmas which was an excellent number on the programme.

Programmes were sold at 10 cents each, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the Society for Protection of Children.

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# ABYSSINIA SHARPLY CRITICISES HOARE-LAVAL PEACE PROPOSALS

## Worse Than Mandate FOREIGN CONTROL OVER ETHIOPIA

### Not Empowered By League Covenant

Geneva, December 19.

The text of the Abyssinian statement handed in to the League Secretariat on Wednesday, which the Abyssinian representative stressed was not to be regarded as his Government's answer to the Paris proposals which will be made later, sharply criticises the procedure which led to the drawing up of the proposals, as well as the scheme itself, and the contents of the British White Paper.

The Abyssinian Government must frankly confess amazement, and must ask itself whether these proposals were inspired by a desire to terminate the hostilities by a measure of capitulation of the victims of aggression. The Abyssinian Government had noted that millions of people throughout the world were asking themselves the same question, particularly in view of the recent declarations by the British and French statesmen, which were cited in detail.

The fundamental principle contained in the Committee of Five's report was recalled, and was stated to be "completely and flagrantly flouted" by the proposals to which objections were raised on the following specific points, all of which characterised an infringement of Article 10 of the League Covenant:—

1. No organ of the League of Nations was entitled or could impose a recommendation on a member for cession or even exchange of territory.

2. The Paris proposals aim at compelling Abyssinia to grant Italy economic privileges or imperiously recommending her to do so which exceeds the authority of any organ of the League of Nations.

#### OUTSIDE LEAGUE POWER

3. No organ of the League of Nations is empowered to impose foreign control or its administration on any member state, or appoint advisers, only the state itself having the right to request the League for such control which must be collective and international.

The Paris proposals aim at giving Italy a predominating control over Abyssinia through the administration of capital over a large area.

4. The cession to Abyssinia of a strip of Eritrea with the Port of Assab was purely fictional as compensation, since the port is so situated that Italy could deprive Abyssinia of it at any moment by a military coup.

Moreover, England and France promise Italy the exercise of control over the territory, whereas no organ of the League is empowered to guard any country or have control over territory of a member state.

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#### WORSE THAN MANDATE

Add: Addis Ababa, Dec. 19. The proposals are worse than a mandate and are unacceptable. It is the statement contained in the Ethiopian Government's reply to the Hoare-Laval peace plan handed to the Anglo-French Legations today.

#### COMMITTEE DECISION

Geneva, D. The Committee of Thirteen at a two-hour meeting to-day reached a decision regarding the peace proposals, but the nature of the decision is not revealed at present. It was unanimously adopted in a short resolution which will be submitted to the Council later. It is understood that the resolution virtually buried the peace proposals by emphasizing that the attempt has proved unavailing and proposing that the Committee of Thirteen meet in the event of further development calling for examination.

#### PEACE PLANS' OBJECT

Geneva, Dec. 18. At a public session of the League of Nations Council to-day, Mr. Anthony Eden, Great Britain's Minister for League Affairs, emphasised that the Franco-British peace proposals made from Paris were not advanced as hard and fast, but in order to ascertain the views of the parties to the dispute and the League itself.

If the proposals did not satisfy the conditions of an agreement by the parties and the League, the British Government could not continue to recommend the League to support, because this particular attempt at settling the Italo-Ethiopian controversy could not then be regarded as having achieved its purpose.

## DEBATE IN COMMONS

Sir Samuel Hoare  
Speaks

London, Dec. 19. Amid tense excitement the House of Commons met for the momentous sitting.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin was white and nervous as he was greeted and there was scarcely a sound as two hundred questions were rushed through at breakneck speed.

The Commons asking supplementary questions were testily shouted down. A hum of conversation prevented many answers being heard, necessitating intervention of the Speaker.

Both the House and Galleries were packed.

#### MINISTERIAL CHEERS

Sir Samuel Hoare entered the House amid loud ministerial cheers and occupied a corner seat next to Sir Austen Chamberlain.

Wearing morning dress, he was flushed but composed. He rose at 2.45 p.m.

Speaking in a deliberate self-possessed manner, he requested a generous measure of indulgence in view of the great complexity of the questions and the special difficulties confronting him in the last few days.

#### DIFFICULTIES STRESSED

Doctor's orders to go abroad and an unfortunate accident prevented his immediate return to deal with this question. The result was criticism, due sometimes perhaps to misrepresentation which so far has gained possession. That made it was most difficult for him at present to offer any line of defence.

Ever since he had been in the Foreign Office he had been obsessed of the urgent necessity for preventing firstly a European conflagration and secondly an isolated war between Britain and Italy. Sir Samuel declared he did everything to mobilise world opinion against war in the League Assembly. Despite these efforts war had broken out. Every day it continued and it involved the world in greater and more difficult problems.

From all sides the Government received reports that Italy would regard the oil embargo as a military sanction involving war against her.

#### NO FEAR OF THREAT

"We have no fear as a nation whatever of any Italian threat," he said. "If the Italians attacked us we should retaliate and, judging our history, retaliate with full success. What was in our minds was that an isolated attack launched against one Power, without the full support of other Powers, would almost inevitably lead to dissolution of the League."

Sir Samuel continued that a great body of opinion in France was intensely nervous of a breach with Italy and anything likely to weaken French defence.

While loyally continuing the sanctions policy he never allowed a day to pass without attempting to find a peaceful settlement. "We reached the turning point in both fields a fortnight ago. It seemed clear if an oil embargo was imposed it will force the termination of hostilities."

#### MILITARY SANCTIONS

The Paris negotiations began in an atmosphere in which the majority of member states of the League appeared opposed to military action. No state except Britain had taken any military precautions. He felt unjustified in proposing any postponement of the oil embargo unless it could be shown that negotiations had actually started.

Much as he disliked some features of the peace scheme he was unable to withhold his provisional assent. He felt the issues were so serious that it was worth making an attempt and it was essential to maintain Anglo-French solidarity.

"It was in this spirit alone that we agreed to the suggestion and that alone was the explanation and justification for the Paris communique," said Sir Samuel.

#### ETHIOPIAN SPEAKER

The Ethiopian delegate, M. Maryam, declared that his Government would not accept the peace terms, which could only mean capitulation and spoliation. He could not believe, he said, that Ethiopia would be abandoned and delivered to a cruel enemy. "Ethiopia puts herself in the hands of the Council and reserves the right to submit observations later," M. Maryam concluded. The President of the Council, then, adjourned the meeting sine die as he said the members would like to know the replies of the two parties to the dispute with respect to the peace plan.

## ROME COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED

### Watching Developments In Britain

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press").

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Rome, December 19.

A quite unforeseen development occurred on Friday night at the great festival of the Grand Fascist Council which met at 10 p.m. under the chairmanship of Signor Mussolini for the third time this autumn. The original intention was that the session, which was attended by nearly all the members of the Fascist Council, would announce Italy's attitude towards the Franco-British proposals.

The discussion of this subject proved very protracted, among those part taking being the ex-Finance Minister Stefani, President of the Federation of Italian Industries, Count Volpi, Senate President Federzoni, Marshal de Bono and six other prominent members. No concrete conclusion was reached.

The reason why the Fascist Council finally adjourned till Friday is stated here to be the totally unexpected resignation of Sir Samuel Hoare, which it is believed will be followed by intensification of the crisis with England.

The sudden resignation is felt probably to have been precipitated by Signor Mussolini's Pontifical speech, although the Fascist Council fully intended on Wednesday to take a definite standpoint respecting the peace proposals.

The question is now whether, after Sir Samuel Hoare's resignation, the Paris proposals will be maintained at all. The Italian Ambassador for London was instructed to make inquiries to this effect in Downing Street.

The morning papers in Rome declare that Sir Samuel Hoare's fall means a clear victory in England for the over-growing army of sanctions supporters and predict that either Sir Austen Chamberlain or Lord Halifax will succeed Sir Samuel Hoare.

The "Messaggero" even goes so far as to say that Sir Samuel Hoare's overthrow will probably lead to resignation of the whole Baldwin Cabinet, since the Premier identified himself too closely with the Paris proposals to escape unscathed.

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#### GRAVE SETBACK

Rome, December 19. The adjournment of the Fascist Grand Council late last night, without any decision being reached with regard to the Franco-British peace plan, is generally attributed to the complete uncertainty and confusion in international affairs created by the resignation of Sir Samuel Hoare.

#### ITALIAN VERSION OF TAKAZZE BATTLE

Rome, Dec. 18. Describing the two days' battle ending on Tuesday, a communique from Marshal Badoglio states that the Italian forces attacked an Ethiopian column which had effected flanking movements at the pass at Dembeguina and dispersed them with bayonets after a violent engagement. The Ethiopian losses were estimated at over 500, whilst the Italians killed included seven white officers and 20 white N.C.O.s, 48 Eritrean N.C.O.s and 197 Askaris. Two officers and two other ranks, as well as 25 Askaris, were wounded.

Reuters

#### U.S. STILL UNWILLING TO BUY SILVER

London, Dec. 18. Another step towards the transference of the world's silver centre to New York was the authoritative comment on to-day's events in London when the American Treasury was unwilling to buy, even with sellers at 23d, which was 1.7/8d. below the previous day's quotation.

The fact that there is a continued disparity between the London and New York silver prices renders New York a more attractive market in which to dispose of the metal.

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## HIS MAJESTY'S TELEGRAM

Tribute To Work Of  
Dr. Masaryk

London, Dec. 19.

The following telegram was sent yesterday by His Majesty to President Masaryk: "On the occasion of your resignation of the high office of President of the Czechoslovak Republic, I desire to express to Your Excellency my admiration of the wise and distinguished manner in which you have presided over the destinies of the republic ever since the day of its birth."

"The great services to Czechoslovakia which Your Excellency now feels obliged to bring to a close will command the respect and praise of future generations."

"I beg to express my heartfelt wishes for your health and for enjoyment of the leisure which you have so truly earned."

British Wireless.

#### STRIKE VOTE

London, Dec. 19.

The wages dispute in the coal-mining industry was the object of anxious consultations throughout yesterday in the course of which the Minister for Mines, Captain Crookshank, had interviews in the morning and evening with the Executive of the Miners' Federation.

Shortly before midnight after a long meeting of the Federation Executive, Mr. Joseph Jones, its President, said the situation was exceedingly grave.

A delegate conference is meeting to-day to receive the report of its executive and to take decision.

British Wireless.

#### THE ITALIAN ABYSSINIAN AFFAIR

everybody has played hide and seek, but now the game has become serious. The Paris plans are dead. When one recovers from the present fever it will be realised that the problems are exactly where it was."

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## HOME FOOTBALL

## First Round Draw

## SCOTTISH CUP

London, Dec. 18.  
The draw for the first round of the Scottish Football Association Cup was made to-day and resulted as follows:

Leith v. Buckle Thistle  
Boness v. Airdrie  
Peebles R. v. Dalbeattie Star  
Vaie o'Coa v. Hibernian  
Third Lanark v. Hearts  
Celtic v. Berwick Rangers  
Burntisland v. Dumbarton  
Galloway v. St. Mirren  
Clyde v. Forfar  
Ayr v. St. Mirren  
Dunfermline v. Brechin City  
Queen o'Sth v. Partick  
E. Stirling v. Kilmarnock  
Stenmuir v. Queen's Park  
Dundee v. Babcock & Wilcox  
Blairgowrie v. Morton  
Aberdeen v. Hamilton  
Ross County v. St. Bernard's  
Rangers v. East Fife  
Egin City v. Chirnside U.  
Montrose v. Falkirk  
Kings Park v. Wick Academy  
Widtown v. Albion  
Arbroath v. Motherwell  
Dundee v. Alloa  
Rath R. v. St. Johnstone  
Edinburgh v. Cowdenbeath  
The match will be played on the ground of the first named in each tie on January 25.

Reuter.

## REPLAYS IN F.A. CUP

London, Dec. 18.  
Southern teams scored brilliantly in F.A. Cup replays to-day. Reading, Brighton, Bristol Rovers and Watford all winning.

Reading gained a clear-cut verdict over Chester at Elm Park scoring three times without reply, and Brighton beat Scarborough by a similar margin.

Watford delighted their own supporters by overcoming Rotherham by the only goal scored and Bristol Rovers did extremely well to beat Oldham by four goals to one.

One tie still remains undecided. Hartlepool and Halifax battled for 110 minutes but neither side could score and another replay is necessary.

## REVISED DRAW

The revised draw for the third round is as follows.

Manchester City v. Portsmouth  
Everton v. Preston  
Bradford City v. Bournemouth  
Crewe v. Sheffield Wednesday  
Tottenham Hotspurs v. Southampton  
West Ham v. Luton  
Liverpool v. Swansea  
Orient v. Charlton  
Norwich v. Chelsea  
Derby v. Dartford  
Hull v. Hartlepool  
Middlesbrough v. Southampton  
Stockport v. Plymouth  
Wolverhampton v. Leeds  
Leicester v. Brentford  
Reading v. Manchester United  
Chesterfield v. Walsall  
Notts County v. Tranmere  
Doncaster v. Notts Forest  
Bristol Rovers v. Arsenal  
Aston Villa v. Huddersfield  
Burnley v. Sheffield United  
Sunderland v. Port Vale  
Fulham v. Brighton  
Millwall v. Stoke  
Darlington v. Bury  
West Bromwich v. Hull  
Southall v. Watford  
Bradford v. Wokington  
Barnsley v. Birmingham  
Blackburn v. Bolton  
Blackpool v. Margate

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## R. A. F. HELP TO CHECK EPIDEMIC

## Anti-Toxin Supplied

Singapore, Dec. 11.

To check an epidemic of diphtheria which had broken out in Sarawak, Air-Commodore Sidney Smith, Air Officer Commanding the R.A.F. Far East, sent a flying boat to Kuching with a supply of antitoxin.

As Sarawak is fairly free from diphtheria, provision against an epidemic had not been considered necessary, and the supply of antitoxin available was not adequate. It gave out after treatment of the first few cases.

There was no steamer due for several days, and as the need was urgent, a wife was sent by Air-Commodore Smith asking if he would send antitoxin by air. The Air-Commodore gave orders for the flying boat to leave immediately.

Hajji Sir Vyner Brooke has written to Air-Commodore Smith.

## AN INTERPORT CRICKETER

## ON THREE WEEKS' SOJOURN IN COLONY

## Mr. A. C. Beck

Followers of local cricket will be interested to learn that Mr. A. C. Beck, the interport fast-bowler and all-rounder, arrived in the Colony yesterday on a vacation of three weeks. He is wasting no time in getting back to his favourite game and is turning out for the Club in their league match against the I.R.C. next Saturday. Provided he is not suffering too much from lack of practice he should prove a decided acquisition to the side.

## A DEADLY BOWLER

In the opinion of many of the Colony's cricket critics, Beck is one of the most deadly bowlers ever to have played here. Bowling right-hand over the wicket, he usually pitches over the middle and leg stumps and has a disconcerting knack of making the ball kick much to the terror of timid batsmen. Much of the popularity of Volunteer cricket was due to his efforts and unbounded enthusiasm and teams were fielded practically every Sunday with a cricket week during the race meeting. He was transferred to Manila soon after the last triangular series when he was visited by both Shanghai and Malaya.

## H.K.C.C. TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW

The following will play for the H.K.C.C. 1st XI in their away League cricket match against the I.R.C. on Saturday (to-morrow) at 2 p.m.—A. W. Hayward (Captain), A. C. Beck, E. R. Duckitt, G. S. Dunkley, P. C. Frost, H. Owen Hughes, L. D. Kilbee, I. McInnes, T. A. Pearce, T. E. Pearce, T. M. L. Redmond.

The H.K.C.C. 2nd XI, playing at home in the League match against the Police will be represented by A. K. Mackenzie (Captain), H. J. Armstrong, V. C. Bond, G. E. Divett, F. A. Dunnott, D. S. Forbes, N. P. Fox, R. S. W. Paterson, W. Keith Robinson, G. A. Stewart, W. Wooding.

## HOME RUGBY

## Sussex Beaten

London, Dec. 18.  
At Worthing to-day Sussex were somewhat unexpectedly beaten in the County Rugby Championship by Hampshire who scored 11 points without reply.

In another Rugby Union match Guy's Hospital beat the United Services (Portsmouth) by 26 points to 17.

Reuter.

## RETURN CHESS MATCH

Amsterdam, Dec. 18

The new world chess champion, Doctor Euwe, has been challenged by the ex-champion Dr. Alekhine for a return match. Euwe who recently defeated the latter in a sensational match of thirty games by the closest possible margin and is bound by contract, has accepted the challenge. The return match will take place probably some time next year.

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## OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOTH LOSE FOURSOMES

London, Dec. 2.

Oxford University golfers, in their match at Addington to-day, failed to win one of the six games, but four of the matches went to the last green.

Rex Hartley partnered Robert Sweeney in a one-hole victory over the Oxford leaders, A. A. Duncan and J. H. Greenly.

This was Oxford's last match of the term.

Oxhey won the foursomes against Cambridge University on the Oxhey course, near Watford, to-day, by three matches to two, with one game halved.

R. Egerton Johnson and C. K. Cotton, the club's leading pair, beat J. S. L. Lyon and P. G. Tait by one hole.

Thanking him on behalf of Sarawak.

Because of the epidemic, all schools in Kuching municipal area and the cinema were closed.

## HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

## 1914 Rifles Tested

On Wednesday afternoon, those members of the Association who received, during the week-end, the "1914" rifles which had been ordered privately from home, and who found it possible to get to the ranges, had their first opportunity of testing these weapons. Scores were just what everyone expected, being either in "80's" or "90's" and the general conclusion came to was that, after years of waiting, the keen-rifleman can now possess a rifle, at very moderate price, which will never let him down, and, incidentally will no longer furnish an excuse for a poor score!

In view of the N.R.A. Inter-Colonial Postal Match, for which the Colony has entered, and which must be fired for before the end of the current year, special additional opportunities for practice have been arranged, particulars of which are being circulated to all members. Although the members of the Regular Army already have their "1914" rifles, the sights are not expected until to-day (Friday) so that only ten days remain in which to practice and to select a team.

The following are the leading scores:—

	S.R. (B)				S.R. (A)			
	Score at 200 yds.	Score at 300 yds.	Score at 500 yds.	Aggregate Score	Score at 200 yds.	Score at 300 yds.	Score at 500 yds.	Aggregate Score
Cpl. Cheshire	1 52	31	34.33	34 32	31	98.33	98	
C.P.O. Black	—	31	31	32	30	92	93	
P.O. Mayo	2 33	31	33	31	33.5	32	99.5	94
Major Steers	—	31	31	32	31	94	94	
Sgt. Warwick	—	31	31	32	31	94	94	
Pte. Green	3 33	30	33.4	31	33.4	31	99.8	92
Cpl. Woodman	2 31	29	33	31	30	28	94	88
L/Cpl. Bradford	7 33.89	30	33.44	28	33.87	29	101.00	87
Mr. Forbes	—	30	30	27	27	—	84	
Sgt. Billingham	14 33.88	28	34.38	30	33.5	23	101.76	79

	S.R. (B)				S.R. (A)			
	Score at 200 yds.	Score at 300 yds.	Score at 500 yds.	Aggregate Score	Score at 200 yds.	Score at 300 yds.	Score at 500 yds.	Aggregate Score
Sgt. Tetley	—	23	32	31	—	89		
Pte. Quah	6 33.75	30	34.25	32	33	26	101.00	88
Pte. Dyer	6 33.75	30	30	24	33.5	29	97.25	83
L.A.C. Dolman	9 33.73	28	33.91	29	33.36	26	100.00	83
Pte. Muckleroy	12 33.86	27	33.57	25	34	28	101.43	80

\* Nett Spoon. † Handicap Spoon.

(A)—Denotes that the competitor was using the "1914" rifle.

## Rugby Football Interport

## DATES FOR DINNER AND DANCE FIXED

While a date for the interport rugby match with Shanghai has not been determined, dates have, however, been fixed for the dance and dinner which will be given in honour of the visiting team.

The interport dance will be held on Saturday, January 25 and the interport dinner on January 28, both at the Peninsula Hotel.

It is presumed that the match will be played during the Chinese New Year holidays.

## Photograph Reunites Sisters

## AFTER 50 YEARS

London, Nov. 30.

A photograph displayed in Gravesend Post Office has reunited two sisters after 50 years.

Mrs. M. A. Waterman, of Shorne, near Gravesend, went to Canada with her parents when she was a girl. She married as her second husband, Mr. S. Waterman, also of Shorne, who had emigrated to Canada.

During the war Mr. and Mrs. Waterman returned to Shorne, and Mrs. Waterman wrote to her sister, Mrs. Hardy who was then living in the South of England.

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CARLES "SWENSON"

Mrs. Hardy moved before she could reply and lost her sister's letter.

She was unable to remember her new name or address, but she had a snapshot of her sister. This was displayed in Gravesend Post Office, where all the postmen could see it.

In less than two days Mrs. Waterman received a visit from a representative of the Post Office.

Mrs. Hardy was told where her sister was living and after a reunion in London, the two sisters have just spent a week together at Shorne.

I'm for the  
ONE that's  
Milder...

And tastes better





## BONHAM STRAND MORTGAGE CASE ECHO

FINDINGS OF THE  
PRIVY COUNCILLocal Appeal Court's  
Judgment Upheld

The extraordinary case in regard to the disposal of a house for the sum of \$70,000, which, after a protracted hearing, came before the full Court of Appeal on March 26, 1934, and subsequently sent before the Privy Council, has now come to an end.

The case was most peculiar and in a large measure judgment was arrived at dependent on its very peculiar circumstances.

In the Full Court of Appeal before the Chief Justice, then Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor, and the Puisne Judge, Mr. R. E. Lindell, the appeal case was based on a point of law and on point of fact against the judgment of Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (now retired).

Appellant was Li Tse Shi, widow, administratrix of the estate of Li Woon Nam, who died in 1925. Respondent was Pong Tsai Ching, in whose favour the final judgment respecting the property was made.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon and Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. M. K. Lo were for the appellants. Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Hastings and Company, were for the respondents.

## Privy Council Judgment

Judgment given by Mr. Justice Wood was upheld in the Full Court of Appeal. Not satisfied with that, appellant brought the case before the Privy Council and who in its turn upheld the judgment of the Full Court of Appeal.

The text of the judgment as handed down by the Privy Council read—

This is a very peculiar case, depending in large measure on its very peculiar circumstances, which must first be stated.

One, Li Woon Nam, died on the 16th April, 1925, leaving his widow, Li Tse Shi (the appellant), and an adopted son, Li Kai Loy, him surviving. He was the owner of a Crown lease of certain premises (hereinafter referred to as the premises), 73, Bonham Strand West, situate at Victoria in the colony of Hong Kong, which he had acquired from one Ng Yu Hon by an assignment dated the 11th October, 1924. His name appeared at his death as such owner in the Hong Kong Land Registry, the premises being then in the occupation of the said Ng Yu Hon as sub-lessee.

By his will the premises, together with other property, were bequeathed absolutely to the appellant. As will appear, no legal personal representative of the testator was appointed until some years after his death. In the meantime a strange transaction had taken place.

## INDENTURE SIGNED

On the 24th March, 1930, an indenture was signed and sealed and delivered, purporting to be an assignment on sale of the premises by Li Woon Nam to Li Kai Loy, in consideration of a sum of 70,000 dollars paid by Li Kai Loy to Li Woon Nam, the receipt of which Li Woon Nam duly acknowledged. The sole witness to this document was a partner in a firm of solicitors known as Deacons. His good faith is in no way impugned. Li Kai Loy had been introduced to him by Ng Yu Hon, and Li Kai Loy had in turn introduced some other man as being the proposed vendor Li Woon Nam. This man, who ever he was, came armed with the title deeds, viz., a deed of the 19th February, 1917, vesting the property in Ng Yu Hon, and the assignment to Li Woon Nam. There he left with Deacons. After the matter had been completed, Deacons registered this assignment by Li Woon Nam to Li Kai Loy in the Hong Kong Land Registry, and by a letter of the 7th April, 1930, sent to Li Kai Loy the title deeds above mentioned.

Obviously there was something wrong here. Li Woon Nam had been dead for nearly five years. Whatever may have been the reason which prompted the person or persons responsible for bringing this document into existence, and recording it in the Hong Kong Land Registry, it is clear that per se the assignment was a nullity and passed nothing to anybody. For the purposes with which their Lordships are concerned, however, it is crucial to know whether the appellant was in any way, and to what extent, responsible for the transaction, and at this point the findings of fact by the Courts in Hong Kong are of vital importance.

## TOOK THE SAME VIEW

The trial Judge found that "contemporaneous knowledge of the impersonation" of Li Woon Nam had been brought home to the appellant. The full Court on appeal having had the advantage of some further evidence, took the same view. From these concurrent findings their Lordships see no reason to dissent. The case falls to be decided accordingly upon the footing that the appellant (who was by virtue of her husband's will and possession of the title deeds in command of the situation), procured the premises to be apparently conveyed into the name of Li Kai Loy, as on a sale to him by Li Woon Nam, and entries to be made in the Hong Kong Land Registry, representing that Li Woon Nam had, on the 24th March, 1930, sold and conveyed the premises to Li Kai Loy in consideration of a price of \$70,000.

## NOTHING PASSED

It is to be observed that the action is based upon the view that nothing passed by the assignment to Li Kai Loy, and that accordingly nothing passed by the mortgage to Yan Pun, or by the assignment to the respondent. It appears to their Lordships that the question which calls for decision at the outset, is the question whether the mortgage to Yan Pun was effectual as against the appellant to vest the premises in him as mortgagee. If it was, no attack can be effectively made on the respondent's title. He can be in no worse case than the mortgagee. If any invalidity existed in the title of the mortgagee, the title of the respondent might conceivably be a better one. This position is recognised by the appellant, who in her pleadings, by the reply, alleged actual or constructive notice by the respondent of infirmity of title; but it was properly conceded at the argument before the Board, that if Yan Pun had acquired a good title, the appeal must fail; for, be it noted, the appellant's claim is not coupled with any offer to redeem the mortgagee, or the respondent at standing in his shoes. It is solely a claim on the footing that nothing passed to the mortgagee.

## ILL-FOUNDED CLAIM

In their Lordships' opinion this claim is, upon the facts of this case, an ill-founded claim. The appellant authorised the creation of the deed of assignment to Li Kai Loy, and its entry on the Hong Kong Land Registry. This is a statement (authorised by her), and a continuing statement to the world, intended to be acted upon by any one desirous of acquiring an interest in the premises, that Li Kai Loy is the owner of the premises as a purchaser for valuable consideration from Li Woon Nam. The evidence shows that before advancing the money the mortgagee through his solicitor, searched the register and relied upon the title as therein disclosed; in other words Yan Pun acted upon the appellant's statement, and advanced his money on the faith of it. In these circumstances the appellant is estopped from asserting against him that Li Kai Loy was not the owner of the pre-

mises as a purchaser for value from Li Woon Nam. The title of Yan Pun as against the appellant was accordingly complete and valid. It follows that as against her the title of the respondent is equally unimpeachable.

## NO ESTOPPEL

It was argued, however, that no estoppel grounded on any representation made by the appellant before she took out letters of administration could bind her as administratrix; and certain authorities were cited in support of that proposition. Whatever the true position might have been had she been suing to recover the premises for the benefit of persons other than herself, the present case is not that case. Her husband has been dead many years; there is no suggestion of any outstanding debts for the payment of which the premises have to be realised, or indeed of any outstanding debts at all; provision was made by security for the payment of the estate duty; the only person concerned in the recovery of the premises, or interested in asserting the falsity of her representations, is the appellant herself. In these circumstances their Lordships feel no doubt that she is effectually bound by estoppel.

## APPEAL FAILS.

It is further suggested that Yan Pun was in some way affected with notice of the lack of title deeds, and from the fact that, as appears from the evidence, Yan Pun was warned that he ran some risk in lending money on mortgage of property without obtaining the title deeds. The risk which he ran, was the risk of some adverse title being or having been established, which originated in a deposit of those deeds with some third party for valuable consideration. This was a risk which he might run if he chose, and one the existence of which in no way suggested or implied any flaw in the title disclosed by the entries in the register. He was their Lordships think, entitled in the circumstances to rely on the statutory declaration, which was entered on the register, as a true explanation of the reason why the title deeds were not forthcoming, and also if he thought fit to run the risk indicated above. That risk did not in fact mature, for the appellant's claim is not founded on possession of the title deeds. For the reasons appearing herein their Lordships are of opinion that this appeal fails and should be dismissed; and they will humbly advise His Majesty accordingly. The appellant must pay the costs of this appeal.

LEAGUE COUNCIL  
MEETING

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Geneva, Dec. 18. It is understood that the League Council will meet on Thursday forenoon in secret session and will hold another public sitting on Thursday afternoon, but that the decisive meeting will not take place before Friday, since any decision by the Council must await the outcome of the crucial debate in the House of Commons on Thursday.

It is generally anticipated that after Mr. Eden had virtually invited their rejection, the Paris Proposals will be definitely shelved and that the Council will either on Friday or Saturday adjourn till its next regular session in January 20, possibly after having first resuscitated the Committee of Conciliation which faded from view at the end of September.

It appears highly problematical at this time when—if ever—any further action will be taken on the proposed oil embargo.

## DESPERATE FIGHTING

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Berlin, Dec. 18. The Italian report of the battle near Takaze River is now confirmed by a message from Addis Ababa, which speaks of operations on a large scale, the full extent of which cannot as yet be foreseen.

Officials' quarters state that the Abyssinian forces crossed the Takaze at various points and that desperate fighting was still proceeding near Asmum.

New engagements involving heavy Italian losses are said to be in progress, north of the Makale in Temben and Cheraita districts. Further details are at present lacking, since the fighting has only been proceeding for two days.

MALARIA IN  
SINGAPOREMYSTERY MOSQUITO  
RAVAGING SWAMP  
AREASMany Victims  
Already

Singapore, Dec. 12. Singapore is threatened with a malaria epidemic following the discovery by local health authorities that the mystery mosquito, the Ludlowi, which is breeding in huge numbers in the Geylang Basin, Kallang and Katong swamp areas, has again become a carrier of malaria.

Many Singapore residents have already become victims of the Ludlowi, and the incidence of malaria in the vicinity of the breeding grounds has become disquieting. Many Europeans are among the malaria sufferers.

A grave feature of the spread of malaria by the Ludlowi is that in previous years when it has revived its carrying propensities, serious outbreaks have occurred on Singapore Island. According to the annual report of the Chief Municipal Health Officer, Dr. P. B. Hunter, it became a carrier at Seletar in 1932 and 2,600 of 4,000 coolies employed at the Naval Base contracted malaria.

Although anti-malaria mixture is being sprayed on the breeding areas, the Ludlowi does not appear to be in check. One theory is that drainage water and ground disturbance caused by the new civil aerodrome works has stirred this mosquito into fresh activity as a malaria carrier.

## THE REAL LUDLOWI

Dr. Hunter admitted in his report that health authorities are perplexed by the Ludlowi.

"The more we study this particular anopheline, the less we seem to know," he says. "I feel that very close expert study of its bionomics would amply repay us. The most recent information which I have is that the mosquito which we have always looked on as Ludlowi is not the one originally described by that name, or it may be several varieties, of that species."

That we have a mosquito of this species which breeds freely in Singapore and which transmits malaria is certain. But why at one time it should be a facile carrier of malaria and at other times appear to be negligible in that respect I won't pretend to explain.

## NAVAL BASE FEARS

"What I have observed in my experience of outbreaks of malaria associated with that particular mosquito is that the phenomenon seems in some way to be associated with some change in, or disturbance of, its breeding ground."

"The experience at the Naval Base rather confirms this. Hence my fear too, of the possibility of an outbreak at the aerodrome, and the consequent need for extra vigilance."

Interesting comment on Dr. Hunter's theory that the Ludlowi only becomes dangerous when there is some disturbance of its breeding ground is made by the Deputy President of the Municipal Commissioners in the same annual report.

He says that it is strangely reminiscent of the theory that dates back to the days when mosquitoes were looked on merely as annoying gnats and the fever was due to vapours emanating from newly turned ground.

DESSIE BOMBING  
REPORT

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Addis Ababa, Dec. 18. The report on the bombardment of the hospital at Dessie has now been forwarded to Geneva. Red Crosses were marked on the hospital roof at every few yards distance, states the report, besides various Red Cross flags, while ambulances also were plainly marked with a Red Cross.

The hospital itself was hit by incendiary bombs two of which burst in the operating theatre. The instrument room, and field dressing station, were also destroyed by bombs, about 1,000 being dropped altogether. The final number of the dead amounted to 50, while 120 persons were wounded.

NEW ITALY'S  
ENERGY

## Il Duce Speaks

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Rome, Dec. 18. Signor Mussolini inaugurated on Wednesday the new town of Pontinia, which is the third settlement to be established in the midst of what only a few years ago were mosquito-infested swamps.

Standing before the new town hall, Il Duce accepted gold offered by settlers on this "Day of Sacrifice." In deep emotion, which in times threatened to overwhelm him, Mussolini then delivered his speech the course of which he said "what Fascism has accomplished within the last few years by draining the Pontinia swamps and founding three new communities, affords eloquent proof of the new Italy's energy and the efficiency of the Blackshirt revolution."

## TO THE BITTER END

The Italian people will be able to resist a long siege because they know that right is on their side. The war which began in Africa, is the last of civilization war of an alien nation which has recognised that this war is its own war, and is a war of the poor and proletarians. Against this front we are conducting a struggle which is hard and must be fought to the bitter end. A nation of 44 million souls will not let itself be duped.

With its unanimous consent the Government will continue to present a well defined course. We cannot and shall not act differently. Every body must do his share in this trial of strength because it will be the Italian nation's supreme test. Will we emerge victoriously from this trial of strength? It will take time, but where the battle is in progress it is not time but ultimate victory which counts."

## IS IT A REPLY TO PEACE?

The Duce's words were received with a thunderous roar of acclamation. Political circles here are inclined to interpret his speech as a reply to the Franco-British peace formula and it is assumed that the Fascist Grand Council which meets on Wednesday at 10 a.m. will consent itself with giving its approval to this declaration in the form of a resolution.

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GERMAN PROTEST TO  
BELGIUM

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Brussels, Dec. 18. The German Charge d'Affaires formally and sharply protested to the Belgian Government against the expulsion of four German born inhabitants of the former German-Belgian-Malmedy district, who by the verdict of the Appellate Court had last October been deprived of their Belgian citizen rights and were recently expelled from Belgium.

The Charge d'Affaires pointed out that the expulsion had been decreed despite representations made by the German Government against the Belgian expatriation law of July 13, 1934 as well as against the proceedings instituted under the provision of the law against the four German born Belgian citizens.

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## ETHIOPIAN STATEMENT

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Geneva, Dec. 18. A lengthy statement by the Emperor giving a detailed explanation of the Abyssinian standpoint was handed in to the League Secretariat on Wednesday afternoon by the Abyssinian representative. For practical reasons this statement avoids definitely refusing to entertain the Franco-British suggestions.

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## CZECH CABINET

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Prague, Dec. 18. President Benes will entrust Premier Hodza with the mission of the new Government according to information from reliable quarters, where it is stated that Hodza will provisionally also assume the post of Foreign Minister, vacated by Benes, and that no further changes in the old cabinet are contemplated.

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## Christmas Hampers

## No. 1 HAMPER.

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FIGHT FOR  
PEACECold Reception Of  
Proposals

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Geneva, Dec. 18.

In the opening round "of the fight for peace" as the League's discussion of the Paris Peace Plans has been termed here, Mr. Anthony Eden went as far as he could to disclaim British interest in the fate of the Franco-British Government's unhappy offspring.

After a secret session lasting only a few minutes the public session was commenced at 3.30 p.m. The President, the Argentine representative, Ruiz Guinazu, as well as the other delegates began by recording their appreciation of Benes' election as President of Czechoslovakia. The Abyssinian delegate Wo-de Maraim was then invited to take a place at the Council Table, and the President called on Mr. Eden to speak.

## THE OBJECT

Eden recalled that in November the sanctions committee in conference, besides deciding the measures to be taken against Italy, also reviewed the possibilities of a peaceful settlement of the dispute, and finally approved on the Belgian Premier's suggestion that England and France should endeavour to find a basis for discussion between the two opponents which however must be acceptable both to, and approved by the League of Nations.

They had been obliged therefore to make an attempt to carry out the difficult task and even if the attempt failed, significance of their endeavour to bring about a conciliation would remain. Moreover the Paris Proposals had not been submitted with the idea they should be rigidly maintained under all circumstances, their object was rather to ascertain the opinion of the three parties concerned.

## BRITAIN'S PART

Should it be found that these proposals did not fulfil the fundamental condition of being approved by all three parties, the British Government would no longer give them its recommendation or support. The British Government would then consider the present attempt at conciliation to have failed and would not wish to continue it in those circumstances.

## LAVAL'S SPEECH

Premier Laval then rose and stressed that all the proposals for the settlement of the dispute would have to be approved by the League Council. He added that he did not wish to touch upon the point, but thought that since the other Governments had not yet defined their positions, the Council might consider it advisable not to express its opinion at this time.

The French Premier concluded by saying he was certain the Council would not care to miss any opportunity of fulfilling its task of ending the conflict by settlement, which would be honorable and fair, and conforming to the

## ROME WAR REPORT

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Rome, Dec. 18.

The battle which began on Sunday night between Mattinet and Dembeguina concluded on Tuesday according to the official War Bulletin No. 74, issued here on Tuesday. Italian troops, it is stated, attacked Abyssinian forces which were attempting an encircling operation near Dembeguina Pass, and "noted that after bitter hand-to-hand fighting"

The enemy losses, actually counted, amount to 500 dead, Italian casualties being seven officers, and 20 non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the home troops killed, two officers and two soldiers wounded, while the Askaris lost 48 corporals, 127 privates in addition to 25 wounded.

Air planes bombed the enemy columns west of Makale with success. Submission continues of the head man of Degiac, and Cassa Sebati, to the headquarters of the Danakil troops in Asbi.

In Somaliland the organisation of the newly occupied places, has been carried out and a new seat of administration for the Ogaden tribes has been established at Busi. Similar measures are being taken in the other districts where the chiefs have made their submission.

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## JAPAN AND SOVIET

## More Border Trouble Feared

Dairen, Dec. 18.

The arrival yesterday and today of transports from Japan, laden with troops who immediately proceeded northwards in eight special trains, has aroused considerable speculation in view of the announcement by the Manchukuo Foreign Office that illegal trespassing on Manchukuo territory by the Soviet and Outer Mongolian continues unabated.

The statement that these troops are destined for the policing of North Manchuria has not shaken the belief of observers that they are to be used for some other purpose, as the anti-bandit campaign is nearing termination.

Reuter

## provisions of the League Government

## SCHEME AS GOOD AS DEAD

After the Abyssinian delegate Wo-de Maraim had delivered a statement in which he took a sharp issue with Italy's policy and encouraged the League not to forsake Abyssinia, the President suggested that since the Italian Government's attitude was not yet known, the Council might adjourn the discussion till a later date. The Council gave its consent whereupon the session was closed leaving the world not much the wiser as to the course of action the League intends to follow, although it appears almost certain in view of Mr. Eden's declaration that the Paris Proposals scheme is as good as dead.

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## LANCASTER MURDER CASE

(Continued From Page 4)

he called at her house about mid-day. Again he asked her about the suit, and again she told him she had had it cleaned.

He then referred to the case of Mrs. Smalley, whose body with head injuries was found lying on a piece of waste land at Morecambe. In his opening speech on Tuesday Mr. Palling said that no suggestion was made against Dr. Ruxton in connection with the death of Mrs. Smalley. He said: "I have a great joke for you. The police have been questioning me about the Mrs. Smalley business. What do you think about that?" He seemed very amused about it and laughed very heartily.

Mrs. Hampshire added that the next time she saw the doctor was on the Thursday night before he was arrested. Altogether he had inquired four times about the blue suit. When he called on this Thursday he was in a very agitated state. He said that he was awfully upset, and then he added: "They have been questioning me now about Mary Rogerson. What did you do about the suit?" She (Mrs. Hampshire) said: "The suit is here," and then he said: "Well, do something with it; do something with it. I have not a friend in the place. You will stand by me, won't you? You are sure to stand by me."

Mrs. Hampshire said she told Dr. Ruxton that she would do all she could, and he then asked about the carpets. She had not been able to get the marks off one of them, and he asked her to burn it. He then said he was going to the police to make a statement, and asked her not to make her statement until after. She had not seen him since.

George Oxley, a labourer, of Dunkeld Street, Lancaster, said that at 8.30 a.m. on September 15 he was awakened by knocking on his front door and found Dr. Ruxton there. Dr. Ruxton said to him: "Tell Mrs. Oxley she need not come down to-day. Mrs. Ruxton and Mary are going away on holiday to Edinburgh. I am taking the children to Morecambe. Come as usual to-morrow."

## TALK WITH NURSEMAID

Mrs. Agnes Oxley, wife of the previous witness, said that she was employed as a charwoman by Dr. Ruxton, and she used to go to the house every morning and work there from 7.10 till 12.

The witness gave evidence of quarrels between Dr. Ruxton and his wife, and mentioned a peculiarity about Mrs. Ruxton's legs; they were one thickness from the knee to the ankle. About a fortnight before she was missing, Mrs. Ruxton showed her a big bruise on the left side of her neck.

Mrs. Oxley recalled an occasion when she was dusting the stairs on September 13. She heard a quarrel between the doctor and Mrs. Ruxton. He called her a prostitute. After that he began to cry and said: "Oh, Mrs. Oxley, she is breaking my heart. Talk to her and ask her to stay and not leave me, and stop with the children." The witness said: "Very well, I will." He then drove away.

Mrs. Oxley said that on September 14, when she was working in the kitchen with Mary Rogerson, the doctor came in and asked Mary if she would stay with him if Mrs. Ruxton left him, and would she look after the children.

"Mary thought for a moment," went on Mrs. Oxley, "and he said he wanted an answer. She said, 'very well, she would.'"

When the doctor referred, on September 15, to his cut hand he said that he had lost a lot of blood, and that "he could feel himself going, and had drunk gallons and gallons of water." He told the witness that he thought the fact that Mary and Mrs. Ruxton had gone away was "a made-up thing," as Mary had asked for her wages in advance.

On Thursday, September 19, she went to the house as usual, and was let in by Dr. Ruxton, who said to her: "As quickly as possible will you make my coffee and toast? I am going to see a specialist about my hand." After she had got his breakfast she went to the kitchen. While she was in the kitchen Dr. Ruxton went upstairs several times and out at the back to the car. Then he opened the kitchen door and said that he was going, and that if he were not back at 3 o'clock in the afternoon patients should be told to come again in the evening. He left in his car at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Oxley said that while she was doing the household work she found that the rooms which had previously been locked were open, and there was a "dirty" smell in them.

## BEFORE ARREST

Mrs. Oxley said that on another occasion he talked about the police and having the paper pulled off his wall. He said: "I cannot do as I like in my own house. They must think that I have murdered Mrs. Smalley or something. I do not know Mrs. Smalley from Adam."

Mrs. Oxley said that there was a pair of curtains on the window at the top landing. They were stained with blood at the bottom, and Mrs. Kirwan took them down and the doctor tore the bottom part off with the blood on and put it on the kitchen fire. He gave them the other part for dusters.

Mr. Palling—Do you know if he said anything about Mrs. Ruxton? —Yes—"always getting into debt." He said when she came back he would snipe her nose off.

On one occasion do you remember the doctor reading a newspaper in bed?—Yes. It was the "Daily Express." He asked me to sit down. I did so, and he then read from the paper about the Ravine mystery. He said: "You see that is a man and a woman, so that is not our two." I said: "Surely not, doctor." He then began to laugh. He laughed heartily.

Mrs. Oxley then related how on one occasion the doctor had written a letter to Mrs. Ruxton's sister and had got it back unopened. He said then: "I know where I can find her. She would be at Lincoln Square, Birmingham."

Further examined Mrs. Oxley said that on the Saturday before Dr. Ruxton was arrested he came to her in the kitchen and said: "Oh, Mrs. Oxley, about that Sunday morning. Tell them that I came at 7 o'clock to tell you not to come and tell them that I came at 9 o'clock for you and asked you to come down till 11 o'clock." The witness said she told him she could not say that as it was not the truth.

Finally, Mrs. Oxley identified a number of articles of clothing which were exhibits in the case.

Mr. Slinger (cross-examining)—The doctor was quite open when he handed you the clothes; he was not afraid?

The witness—Well, he threw them on the bedroom floor and told us to pick out what we liked. Afterwards he asked us what we had done with them, had we burnt them?

At the close of Mrs. Oxley's evidence the hearing was adjourned until next Tuesday. As the Court rose the Chairman of the Bench (Mr. B. S. Cross) turned to the man in the dock and said: "The accused will be taken to Strangeways Prison, Manchester, for the period until 10 o'clock next Tuesday."

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Unions, \$560/565.  
Antamoks, \$1.15 XD.  
Providents Old, \$1.30/14.  
Trams, \$14.20.  
Electric, \$87.  
Dairy Farms, \$19.

## SINGAPORE RAW RUBBER

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December 19.

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co. received the following quotations in Straits Currency from Singapore for Raw Rubber.

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Market—Steadier.

## THE EXCHANGE MARKET

## MESSRS. ROZA BROS

Thursday, 19th December, 1935.  
A substantial drop was recorded in the price of spot silver in London yesterday the quotation being 23 but there was no Forward quotation. No business was reported and no bids were forthcoming from America.

In America the rate was quoted at 55-3/4 for spot.  
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 4.92-7/8 and the New York/London rate was unchanged at 4.92-7/8.

## MARKET

Opened steady but later eased off owing to a fairly good demand.

## STERLING

Business was done shortly after the opening at 1/3-15/16 for cash and December and 1/3-7/8 for January, the buying rate then receded to 1/3-7/8 for December, at which rate, some business was arranged followed by transactions at 1/3-13/16 for December, 1/3-3/4 for January and 1/3-5/8 for February. Towards 1 p.m. offers at 1/3-3/4 were accepted for cash and 1/3-11/16 was arranged for January delivery. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/3-11/16 for December, 1/3-5/8 for January and probably 1/3-9/16 for February, buyers at 1/16 higher respectively.

## U.S. DOLLARS

Business was done shortly after the opening at 32-3/4 for cash, 32-11/16 for December, 32-5/8 for January, 32-9/16 for the first half of January, 32-3/8 for January, 32-5/16 for December, 32-3/16 for January and 32-1/4 for December. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 32-1/4 for December and 32-1/8 for January, buyers at 1/16 higher respectively.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers were quoted at 109 for spot.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

There were sellers of Sterling at 1/2-3/8 for spot and U. S. Dollars at 29-1/2 for spot.

## IN THE AFTERNOON

The market weakened in the afternoon but re-acted to a certain extent later closing on the steady side.

## STERLING

Business was done at 1/3-11/16 for near, 1/3-5/8 for January and 1/3-9/16 for February followed by transactions at 1/3-5/8, 1/3-9/16 and 1/3-7/16 for near delivery. 1/3-1/2, 1/3-7/16 and 1/3-3/8 were also arranged for January delivery and later 1/3-5/16 was also done for February. The market closed with sellers at 1/3-1/2 for December, 1/3-7/16 for January and 1/3-3/8 for February, buyers probably at 1/16 higher respectively.

## U. S. DOLLARS

Business was done at 31-7/8 for December, 31-3/4 for January and later 31-3/4 was also arranged for January delivery. The market closed with sellers at 31-13/16 for December and 31-11/16 for January, buyers at 1/8 higher respectively.

## H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

## YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

There is a steadier tone in the market to-day, there being quite a good demand for Unions, Lands, Trams, Lights and Electrics.

## BUYERS

Hongkong Banks, \$1440.  
Union Insurance, \$565.  
Venz. Goldfields, \$3.  
Wharves (Old), \$911.  
Hotels, \$5.  
Hongkong Lands, \$344.  
Hongkong Trams, \$144.  
China Lights, \$10.80.  
Electrics, \$88.  
Constructions (New) 30 cts.

## SELLERS

Providents (Old), \$1.45.  
Star Ferries, \$99.  
Telephones (Old), \$25.  
SALES  
Hongkong Banks, \$1450.  
Union Insurance, \$562 1/2/570.  
Hongkong Lands, \$344.  
Hongkong Trams, \$145 1/2/1420.  
China Lights, \$10.70.  
Electrics, \$87/89.  
Dairy Farms, \$19.  
Constructions (New) 30 cts.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICES)

	December 17.	December 18.
Paris	74 31/64	74-21/64
Geneva	15.17 1/2	15.14 1/2
Berlin	12.25 1/2	12.24
Athens		519
Milan		
Shanghai	4.92 1/2	4.92 1/2
New York	7.26 1/2	7.26 1/2
Amsterdam		
Vienna	118 1/2	108 1/2
Prague		
Bucharest		35 1/2
Madrid		
Lisbon	1/3 11/16	1/3 11/16
Hong Kong	29.20 1/2	29.18
Brussels		
Montevideo		
Belgrade	217	
Montreal	4.97 1/2	4.97 1/2
Yokohama	1/2 1/4	1/2-1/32
Helsingfors		
Rio		
Buenos Aires		
Silver (Spot)	24 1/2	23
Silver (forward)		
War Loan	106 1/16	106

## Closing Quotations

December 19, 1935.		On New York:	
On London:		Bank Bills, on demand 32 1/2	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/3 1/2		Credits, 60 days' sight 33 1/2	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/11/16		On BRATIA:	
Bank Bills, 4 months' 1/13/16		On demand	67 1/2
Credits, four months' 1/4 5/16		On Paris:	
On SHANGHAI:		Bank Bills, on demand 48 1/2	
On demand	108	Credits, 4 months' sight 50 1/2	
On SINGAPORE:		On Saigon:	
On demand	55 1/2	On demand	49 1/2
On JAPAN:		On Manila:	
On demand	111 1/2	On demand	64 1/2
On INDIA:		On Bangkok:	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/3 1/2		On demand	141 1/2
Bank, on demand	86 1/2	SOVEREIGNS, Bank Buying	
		Rate	1/4 3/16
		BAR SILVER, per oz.	52

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(Through Sealer's Agency)

## QUOTATIONS

New York: December 18.		High		Low		Close		Today's		Change	
New York/London Cross-rate		11.19	11.09	11.04	11.16	11.16	11.16	11.16	11.16	11.16	11.16
New York Cotton—Mar.		13.39	13.38	13.33	13.37	13.37	13.37	13.37	13.37	13.37	13.37
New York Rubber—Mar.		98 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Chicago Wheat—May.		86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
Chicago Corn—May.		86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
Silver—Official		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Dow Jones' Averages		High—1834/35		Low		Dec. 17.		Dec. 18.		Change	
30 Industrial		148.94	148.94	148.94	148.94	148.94	148.94	148.94	148.94	148.94	148.94
30 Rail		41.84	41.84	41.84	41.84	41.84	41.84	41.84	41.84	41.84	41.84
30 Utilities		29.96	29.96	29.96	29.96	29.96	29.96	29.96	29.96	29.96	29.96
40 Bonds		96.31	96.31	96.31	96.31	96.31	96.31	96.31	96.31	96.31	96.31
11 Commodity Index		82.10	82.10	82.10	82.10	82.10	82.10	82.10	82.10	82.10	82.10

## Business Done:—

Stock & Div.	Dec. 17 Dec. 18	Stock & Div.	Dec. 17 Dec. 18
Adams Express	11 11	Gold Dust (1.20)	182 182
Amer. Can. (4)	132 132	Goodyear	202 202
Am. Cyanamid "B"		Int. Cement	43 43
(25dr.)	283 283	Int. Nick (60)	43 43
Am. For. Pwr. \$7 1/2	61 61	Int. Tel. & Tel.	13 13
Am. For. Pwr. \$7 1/2		Johns Manville	
Am. Locomotive	24 24	Kennecott (15)	27 27
Am. Radiator	22 22	Loew's (1)	51 51
Am. Smelting	57 57	Loth. (1.20)	24 24
Am. T. and T. (9)	153 153	Loth. (1.20)	24 24
Am. Tob. "E" (5)	97 97	Nat. City Bk. (1)	138 138
Am. Waterworks (1)	20 20	Nat. Da. P. (1.20)	20 20
Am. Waterworks \$8	20 20	Nat. Distillers	304 304
Am. Waterworks \$8		Nat. Pwr. L. (80)	304 304
pref. (6)	91 91	N.Y. Central	27 27
Anaconda Copper	36 36	N. Amer. (50c. 4 1/2)	24 24
Atch. T. and S. F.		Pac. Gas (1.50)	30 30
(25dr.)		Pac. Lng. (3)	30 30
Auburn Automobile	26 26	Packard Motors	6 6
Baltimore & Ohio	13 13	Penn. Ry. (1)	29 29
Bethlehem Steel	41 41	Phil. Petro. (1)	30 30
Boeing Airplane	98 98	Pub. Ser. N.J. (2.80)	36 36
Borden Co. (1.60)	98 98	Radio Corp.	42 42
Borg Warner (1dr.)		Rey. Tob. "E" (3)	12 12
Casa		Schenley	
Canadian Pacific	99 99	Sears Roebuck	55 55
Caterpillar Tract.	11 11	Soc. Vac. (80)	64 64
Ch. Nat. Bk. (1.40)	41 41	Srn. Cal. Ed. (1.50)	14 14
C.P. Corp. (2.50)	56 56	Southern Pacific	24 24
C.P. Corp. and		Stan. Brands (1)	22 22
Ohio (2.80)	50 50	Stan. Gas	14 14
Chrysler (1d)	87 87	Sta. Oil N.J. (1)	58 58
Col. Gas & Elec.	13 13	Star. Pro. (2.80)	63 63
Comm. Solv. (50)	88 88	Studebaker Corp.	
Comm. Sthm.	24 24	Texas G. Sulph. (2)	30 30
Comm. Sthm. \$6	24 24	Transamerica (1.12)	12 12
Cum. Oil (28)	30 30	Un. Car and Carb	
Cum. Pt. (6)	30 30	(1.40)	
Cons. Gas. N.Y. (2)	108 108	Un. Pac. Ry. (6)	70 70
Cont. Oil (25)	29 29	Un. Aircraft Corp.	22 22
Corn Prod. (3)	43 43	Un. Air Line Trans.	11 11
Douglas Aircraft	37 37	United Corp.	6 6
Du Pont (2.50)	138 138	Un. Gas Impr. (1.20)	42 42
Elec. Bond & Share	15 15	Univ. Leaf Tob. (2)	17 17
Elec. Bond \$5 P. (5)	15 15	U.S. Indus. Alcohol.	68 68
Elec. Bond \$5 P. (6)	74 74	U.S. Rubber	14 14
Fox Film "A"		U.S. Steel	45 45
Gen. Elec. (80)	36 36	Vandium	18 18
Gen. Foods (1.80)	32 32	Warner Bros. Pict.	6 6
Gen. Motors (1d)	55 55	West E. & M. (65)	92 92
Gen. Ry. Sigs (1)	39 39	Call Money	3 1/4 3 1/4

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## Shipping News

Daily Statement, Clearances,  
Ships in Harbour, etc.

### NEW SOVIET VESSELS

Orders Placed In  
England

London.—Shortly expected in Murrin's is one of the largest refrigerated steamers in the world, the Pishchevaya Industriya, purchased by the Commissariat of Foreign Trade of the U.S.S.R. from a British fishing concern.

Completely repaired and reconditioned, this 10,000-ton steamer is said to be unique in her technical equipment. She is to be used as a floating base for Soviet fishing boats in northern waters, which will transfer their catch to the steamer for salting.

The refrigerating spaces of the vessel, of 4,000 tons capacity, have been completely reconstructed, and the machinery has been remodelled.

In addition to the Pishchevaya Industriya, the Commissariat has ordered 13 new vessels, seven in England, three in Denmark and three in Holland. The timber carriers ordered are to be capable of navigating Arctic regions. The vessels are all to have the very latest technical equipment. Those ordered in England are to be built to Soviet design.

Next year the Russian ice-breaker fleet in the Arctic is to be reinforced by six new powerful vessels. They will all carry aeroplanes for ice survey.

### ARRIVALS

19TH DECEMBER.

Kohwa Maru, Japanese steamer, 2,822 tons, Captain R. Asakura, from Muke, buoy No. A5—M. B. K.

Kyodo Maru, Japanese steamer, 1,200 tons, Captain S. Takezawa, from Keelung via Swatow, buoy No. B8—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

Tilawa, British steamer, 6,153 tons, Captain F. Robinson, from Amoy, buoy No. A3—M. M. & Co.

Tai Shan, Panamanian steamer, 3,622 tons, Captain M. Foy, from Manila, buoy No. A4—Dodwell & Co.

Kung Ping, Chinese steamer, 1,742 tons, Captain E. V. Gunther, from Canton, China Merchant Steam Navigation's Wharf—C. M. S. N. & Co.

Canton, French steamer, 976 tons, Captain Charlot, from Haiphong, buoy No. B4—M. M. & Co.

Klungchow, British steamer, 1,545 tons, Captain J. H. Hodgkiss, from Canton, buoy No. B21—B. & S.

Liangchow, British steamer, 1,220 tons, Captain W. A. Orwin, from Canton, buoy No. B15—B. & S.

Sheng An, Chinese steamer, 928 tons, Captain S. Kouriff, from Hongay, Yaumati—Far East & Co.

Hupei, British steamer, 1,628 tons, Captain J. Beck, from Canton, buoy No. B14—Butterfield and Swire.

Kwai Sang, British steamer, 1,435 tons, Captain M. Costello, from Swatow, buoy No. B3—J. M. & Co.

Kamo Maru, Japanese steamer, 4,886 tons, Captain K. Ogawa, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf—N. Y. K.

### NEWS FROM THE WATERFRONT

Freight And Asiatic  
Passengers Returns

(BY LONGSHOREMAN).

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, the freight returns, received from the Harbour Office, show a fairly high tonnage movement, a large proportion of which being contributed by Japanese ships.

The total tonnage of general cargo carried by vessels to the Colony was 10,077 tons, with British steamers carrying 4,034 tons. Through cargo for ports beyond the Colony amounted to 18,373 tons, of which 3,234 tons were carried by British steamers. Asiatic deck passengers entering into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were 357, of which 799 were from British steamers.

There were altogether 17 arrivals, of which 9 were of British registry, the remainder being of other nationalities, while of the 14 departures, 8 were British ships, the rest being of other different countries. Particulars as follows:—

Nationality	Ships	Tonnage
British	9	7,288
Danish	1	2,850
German	2	6,756
Japanese	4	9,728
Chinese	1	1,350
Total	17	28,450

### SHIPS IN HARBOUR

WHARVES.

Kowloon.—Donau and Kamo Maru.  
Holt's.—Calchas.  
Jardine Matheson's.—Kwai Sang  
Douglas Laprak.—Hal Ning.

DOCKS.

Kowloon.—Ardent, Sul An and Kaitangata.  
Talkoo.—H.M.S. Orpheus, Yingchow, Tungchow, Kent, Hong Hsiang, Tung On, Sinkiang and Fatshan.

BUOYS.

No. A2.—Buenos Aires Maru.  
No. A9.—Iolanda.  
No. B2.—Norviken.  
No. B3.—Kwai Yang.  
No. B5.—Hafthor.  
No. B10.—Hellas.  
No. B14.—Hupei.  
No. B15.—Liangchow.  
No. B16.—Tai Foo Sek.  
No. B20.—Sul Yang.  
No. B21.—Klungchow.  
No. B22.—Mau Sang.  
No. B25.—Hiel An.  
No. C1.—Mabella.

Mary Miller, British steamer, 1,674 tons, Captain A. Finlayson, from Hongay, Stonecutters—M. B. K.

18TH DECEMBER.  
Lushan Maru, Japanese steamer, 1,507 tons, Captain T. Ito, from Amoy, Stonecutters—N. Y. K.

Sul Yang, British steamer, 1,594 tons, Captain D. Williams, from Amoy, buoy No. B20—B. & S.

### GERMAN VESSEL NOT TO BLAME

Berlin Decision  
Against British Battleship

Berlin.—The Maritime Court of Bremerhaven has delivered its decision regarding the collision between the British battleship Ramillies and the N.L.D. steamer Eisenach. The court decided that the captain and the officers of the Eisenach are not to be blamed for the accident. It also considers it absolutely necessary to examine the question of prohibiting for the future the accommodation of members of the crew in the forecastle.

The British Admiralty claimed £83,000 damages from the Eisenach. The Court's verdict upheld the German captain's evidence that the weather was bad, that he only saw the Ramillies a few minutes before the collision, and that he then believed the two ships would pass each other if he went a little more to starboard, which he did. At the last moment he realised that a collision was unavoidable, and went hard to port to lessen the shock.

The Judge pointed out that the whole of the British evidence was in contradiction to the German evidence. The British evidence, from the report of Commander Taylor, was that the warship had switched off her lights 13 minutes before the collision, that she was travelling at 13 knots and, therefore, could not be stopped quickly enough to prevent a collision.

The Bremerhaven hearing, which states the German view is not regarded in British circles as final. If the British and German views of the affair are not found to correspond it is likely that the final arbitration will be left to an international court with the confidence of both sides.

### SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following list of ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong radio:—

Hakusan Maru, President Lincoln, Empress of Japan, General Lee, President Hoover, Kohwa Maru, Kut Sang, Neptuna, Mary Moller, Tai Shan, Kaze Moller, Hydrange, Norviken, Taijin Maru, Wido, Kashima Maru, Prosper, President McKinley and President Hayes.

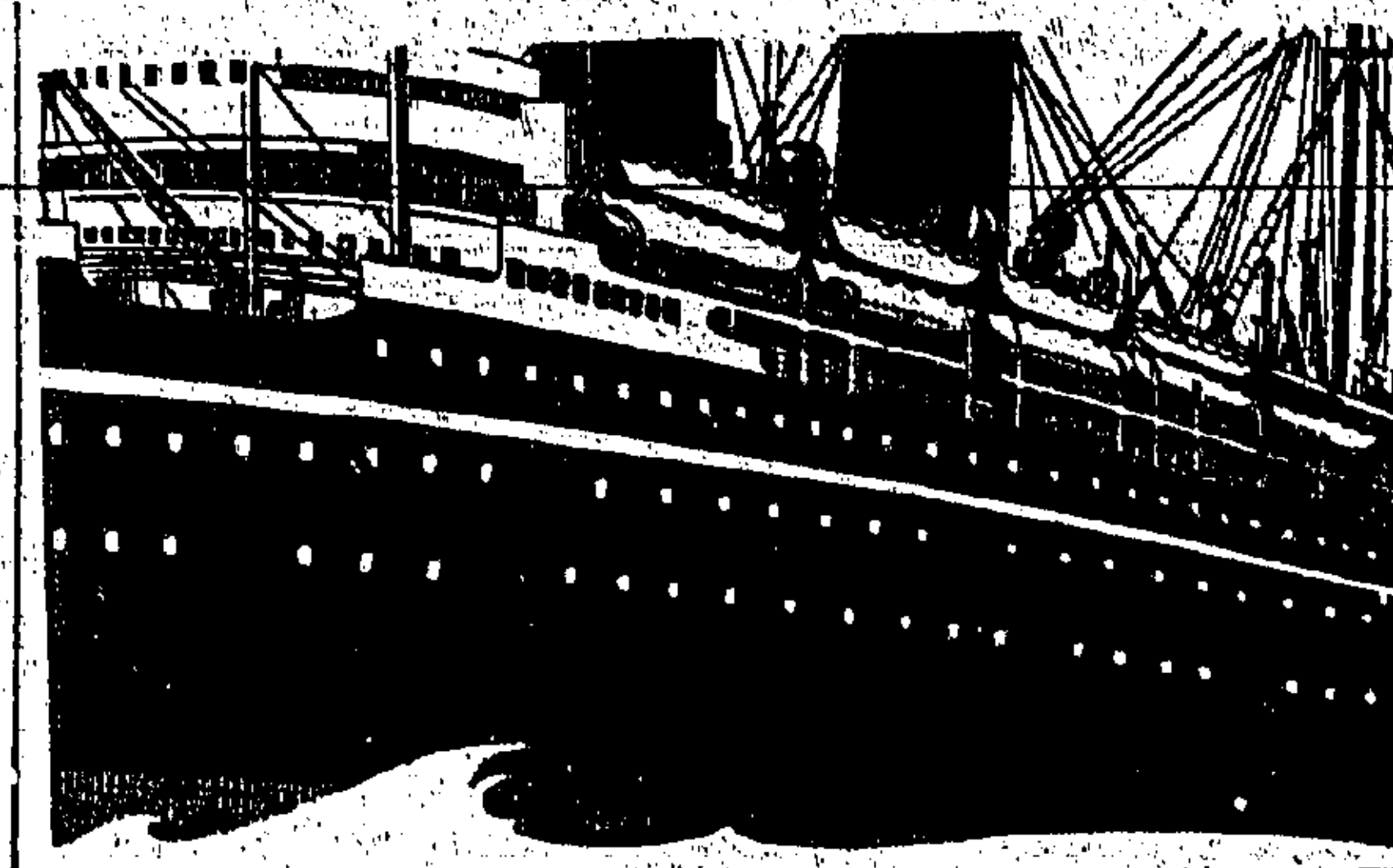
### MEN-OF-WAR IN PORT

The following warships were in harbour yesterday:—  
North Wall.—Falmouth.  
South Wall.—Bruce.  
East Wall.—Herald, Phoenix and Parthian.

North Arm.—Regent.  
West Wall Dock.—Dorsetshire.  
In Dock.—Tarantula.  
Talkoo Dock.—Kent and Orpheus.  
Cosmopolitan Dock.—Rainbow.  
No. 4 Buoy.—Duchess and De Light.

### FOREIGN

U.S.S. Tulsa, Mindanao and Sacramento.  
French gunboat—Argus.  
The U.S.S. Henderson left yesterday for Manila.



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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (About)	Destination
<b>PENINSULAR &amp; ORIENTAL SAILINGS</b>			
NAIDERA	18,000	28th Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
BHUTAN	6,000	4th Jan.	Mars. Havre, London, H'bg, Rdm, Awerp, & Hull.
CARTSAGE	14,500	11th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
BEHAR	6,000	18th Jan.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.
TRAPUTANA	17,000	25th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
BOUDAN	7,000	1st Feb.	Marseilles, Havre, L'don, H'burg, R'dam, Awerp & Hull.
CHITRAL	16,000	8th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
CATHAY	18,000	29th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
BURDWAN	6,000	29th Feb.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Falm, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	7th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
COBFU	14,500	21st Mar.	Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th Apr.	do.
NAIDERA	18,000	18th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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Steamship	Tons	21st Dec. 10.30 a.m.	Destination
TILAWA	10,000	21st Dec. 10.30 a.m.	Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta
SANTHIA	8,000	4th Jan. a.m.	
TALMA	10,000	18th Jan.	
SIRDHANA	8,000	1st Feb.	
SHIRALA	8,000	1st Feb.	

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